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Capsule reveals memories

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Laughs echoed from The Station Wednesday as the contents of the University time capsule were revealed.

The contents, previously sealed in a lead capsule, were shown to an audience composed of students, faculty, alumni and community members.

The capsule, placed outside of B.D. Owens library, offered onlookers a chance to see how things were in 1982, when the capsule was buried. Included in the capsule were photos from various Greek organizations, cassette tape players and a Rubik's Cube, along with an assortment of letters and artifacts.

"It was cool to see how things were in 1982," junior Jenny Martin said. "Especially how cool it was to see how the different organizations we are involved in have changed since then."

The capsule was initially created to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Northwest, but the placing of the capsule delayed due to construction.

"We held off on putting it into the ground because the library was under construction," Professor emeritus Tom Carneal said. "We thought that would be the safest place for it, but we turned out to be right."

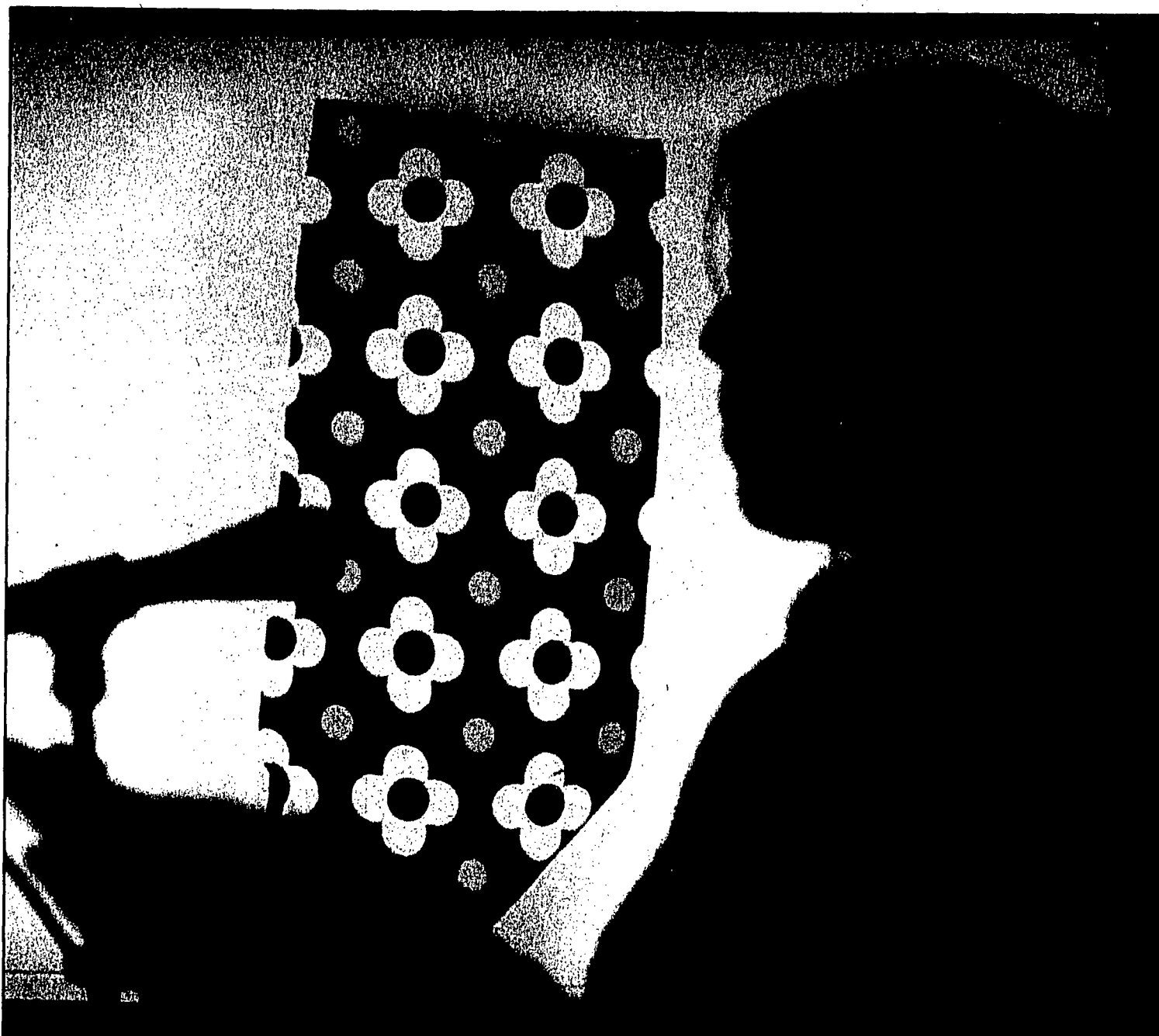
Carneal was one of the faculty members who helped spearhead the placing of the time capsule, along with Student Senate and their advisor, Roger Corley.

Corley donated one of his ties, decorated with pink dots and white flower patterns. The wearing of the outdated tie drew laughter from the audience, including Corley, who said he hadn't missed the tie at all.

Another item, a VHS tape with information about Northwest, came attached with a card saying if those who found the tape needed assistance in finding a way to play it should contact the Smithsonian Institution.

The idea of opening the capsule to kick off the Centennial celebration was one in place since 1982.

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Linda Bear, 1982 Student Senate president, displays the contents of the 1982 time capsule. The pink-dotted tie was worn in the 1980s by Student Senate advisor Roger Corley. A VHS tape, believed to contain interviews from the early 1980s was also displayed.

TIF projections stated; results on horizon

BY DENNIS SHARKEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Opponents of TIF projects see them like candy; they may appear good, but too many sweets can also be bad.

One of the main concerns of the Nodaway County School Board is the projected numbers are just that: projections; there are no guarantees revenues will reach the projections. If projections are not met, then the life of the payoff increases.

TIF

2nd of 3-part series

School board member Mark Jelavich said in reality it would be nice to keep retail dollars in Maryville, but he doesn't believe dollars are being kept in town. Two hundred additional jobs may not exactly be new jobs, but jobs that moved.

"They are competing with other retailers and not for local retail dollars," Jelavich said. "Retail TIFs are competing for jobs."

Jelavich also said if property tax revenues are frozen for a period of time, there's no account for inflation. He and other school officials also believe if Hy-Vee and the project do bring additional jobs, there are just more students without compensation to pay for them.

He doesn't believe it would affect the quality of schools, but it would tie the district's hands when it comes to some slack in the budget.

"It would leave us with less discretionary money to play off of down the road," Jelavich said. "But I don't think it would affect the quality of the education."

Maryville R-II Superintendent Vickie Miller said the district did not have a lot of time to look over the project before the council voted to pass the issue. She said the district is not against TIF, but would like more input the next go around. She also agrees with Jelavich, and believes the district could handle some more students without sacrificing quality.

"We would have some concerns and we would like to be included in early discussions," Miller said. "The board is not against the project, but it has a responsibility to look out for the school district's interest and be aware of how everything affects the schools."

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Missouri named U.S. meth leader

BY DENNIS SHARKEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The state of Missouri defended its unwanted title of methamphetamine capitol of America for the fourth year in a row, according to national statistics provided by the Missouri Highway Patrol.

According to MHP Crime Information officer Mandy Pardoe, there were 2,788 reported cases in 2004 involving meth labs. The cases include laboratories and dumpsites with chemicals, equipment, and glassware used to manufacture the drug.

These numbers, according to Pardoe, are only reported numbers and the number of actual cases could be even more.

"Even if the number of reported cases were cut in half, we would still lead the nation in reported cases," Pardoe said.

Pardoe said meth is primarily a rural drug because of the accommodating conditions of being away from people. Cooking meth gives off a potent, nauseating odor. Old farm houses, barns and old buildings away from people provide the ideal setup for a meth cook.

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Garden: First Centennial event



Lezlee Johnson, Jim Johnson, Chase Cornett, Ray Courter and B.J. Snopek break ceremonial ground for the Centennial Garden Wednesday afternoon. The garden will open in September.

BY ASHLEY BALLY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Despite hovering storm clouds and gusting winds, a handful of University officials turned out Wednesday to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Centennial Garden.

The groundbreaking marks the first in a series of commemorative events to celebrate Northwest's Centennial year. Dedication of the garden is set to commence Sept. 10, 2005.

The garden's design originated from the mind of 2002 Northwest graduate B.J. Snopek. The concept of a garden between North and South Complexes came about as the result of a class project. Snopek lived in both North and South during his time on campus.

"We played football in the courtyard and wanted to see some development done," Snopek said.

According to Snopek, the garden will provide a place for students to study and socialize. He also stated his friends and the times he spent as a Bearcat served as a main inspiration for his design.

Associate Director of Environmental Services Lezlee Johnson described the plans for the

garden as being a place students can retreat to in warmer weather and soak their feet.

In the beginning of preparation of Centennial events, University officials agreed to begin and fund the construction of the garden.

The garden will be equipped with working fountains, benches, a fire pit and several trees will be planted this summer to bring some life to the open space.

Student Senate President Chase Cornett presented the inclusion of three benches, which will be inscribed and placed in the garden upon completion. Each of the three benches will have a section of a selected quotation, "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is a success."

Further Centennial events are slated to begin Sept. 10, 2005. A Centennial sculpture will be unveiled and later installed near the Student Union. The sculpture, a project of the Northwest Centennial Committee, will be created by Gregory Johnson.

The Bearcat football team will compete in the "Centennial Bowl," against the Truman State Bulldogs for the Hickory Stick. This traveling trophy has been a tradition of both Universities since 1930.

Former firefighter receives 10 year prison sentence

DOMINICK HADLEY
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Nearly a year after his initial arrest, Scott Vergith was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison with two Maryville residential fires. Vergith, a former firefighter, pleaded guilty to setting two fires at a residence on 510 S. Main St. He was also convicted and sentenced to 10 months for two previous fires in Mound City, Mo.

Weybrew, Vergith's attorney, urged Circuit Judge Roger Prokes to consider probation in lieu of incarceration.

"I'm saying (a maximum jail sentence) would be inappropriate because these are the two worst in the history of second degree arson that I've seen," Weybrew said. "He does not need

incarceration, he is in need of treatment and counseling and to make the sentences consecutive would deny Scott any assistance with his problem."

Judge Prokes dismissed Weybrew's requests. Prokes said Vergith hasn't assumed ownership of his crimes, and therefore any treatment would be almost useless.

After pleading guilty to the Mound City fires, Vergith told a social worker he did not set the fires.

"Part of me is sympathetic," Prokes said. "But there's not a lot of taking responsibility for your actions. The bottom line is, our community is entitled to be safe from people setting fires."

Prosecutor David Baird echoed Prokes' sentiments.

"It's the state's position that he's not going to be lighting any fires if he is incarcerated," Baird said.

Brenda Edlin, owner of the Maryville residence, says Vergith arsoned the house and the fires continue to cause her a great deal of stress.

Before the sentence was issued, Edlin testified about the emotional and financial traumas resulting from the fires.

Edlin purchased the home to provide a place of residence for her daughter while she attended Northwest.

According to Edlin, the fires caused her family and the home's current residents to live in constant fear.

In addition, insurance companies labeled her a "high risk" because of the

fires—forcing her to pay outrageous deductibles, she testified.

"We have been devastated," she said. "I'm 52 years old and I've never had this type of violence done to me. It's traumatic."

Edlin plans to file a civil suit against the Maryville Fire and Public Safety departments for failure to fully prosecute.

She obtained the investigation tapes in which Vergith pleaded guilty to three fires at the residence, instead of just two fires.

"Why would you want to sue somebody that has gone to jail and he can't pay money?" Edlin said. "You bring other people in—the fire marshal, fire department and Maryville Public Safety for failure to prosecute and lying through their teeth."

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LOCAL FORECAST

FRIDAY
Sunny
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SATURDAY
Sunny
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Low: 36

SUNDAY
Partly cloudy
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Regents phase one project to Premier

BY ASHLEY BALLY
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During the first week back from Spring Break, the Board of Regents gathered promptly to address upcoming demolition plans for aging residence halls Hudson and Perrin.

In a public meeting, Tuesday, the Regents approved an abatement and demolition bid from Premier Demolition that includes a sub-contract to Midwest Asbestos. The approved bid stood at a total cost of \$579,000.

"Our rules and regulations suggest as an agency of the state we have to follow the idea of lowest and best," Vice President of Finance Ray Courter said. "Often the lower (estimated cost) is the choice made."

Construction work by Premier will complete phase one of the Hudson/Perrin project. The contract date begins April 15, 2005, and is scheduled to be fulfilled Aug. 15, 2005.

According to Director of Purchasing Ann Martin, thorough checks regarding Premier's qualifications were completed.

"We checked with five of their references and asked that they understood the scope of the job," Martin said. "We feel we have drilled deep and they answered hard questions."

Premier Demolition will handle the destruction of the two residence halls. However, before the deconstruction can begin, Midwest Asbestos is responsible for abatement-removing all hazardous materials from the buildings-before Premier can begin.

"No other contractor will go in those buildings until the abatement has been completed," Courter said. "That is the level of protection that they have involved in all of this."

Of the hazardous material, most dominant was the use of asbestos in

the buildings' construction. The first step of the removal process is to remove the floor tile and mastic, the asbestos containing glue binding the tile to the floor.

"When the tile was made in the 1950s asbestos was in all kinds of building material products," Courter said. "The floor tile and glue is the first to go because there is so much of it."

"THEN TO FIND YOURSELF 40 YEARS LATER INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT TO TEAR IT DOWN IS AN INTERESTING TUG-OF-WAR THAT GOES ON INSIDE,"

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Vice President of Finance

will receive a total of \$237,000. According to Courter, the funding will come from the revenue bonds sold earlier this year. The Board of Regents approved the selling of these bonds Feb. 17, 2005.

For Courter, working on the destruction project of Hudson and Perrin has been a bittersweet experience.

"Hudson and Perrin have been part of my experience here since 1964, my freshman year," Courter said. "Then to find yourself 40 years later involved in the project to tear them down is an interesting tug-of-war that goes on inside. They have outlived their usefulness but what we are going to be building back is going to be so terrific."

Also on the Regents' agenda was the approval of some new positions on campus, ranging from establishing a new maintenance position and a new full-time position for an assistant volleyball coach.

KFEQ holds on-air auction to raise money for University's annual fund

BY MARISSA EBELING
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While many students were still away enjoying their Spring Break the University participated in an on-air auction to raise money for its annual fund.

Under the yearly goal at the time, the annual fund remains at a steady growing rate. Northwest uses the fund for costly ventures such as scholarships, new programs and enhancing technology; or any other areas in which Northwest could use some help. The University acquires most of the money through direct mail appeals and the "Cat Callers" phone-a-thon.

KFEQ, a station out of St. Joseph, features talk radio and news shows. Regular shows on the station include Bill O'Reilly and Rush Limbaugh.

Both unrestricted and restricted funds comprise the annual fund. However, unrestricted funds prove especially important to the annual fund because they can be used for any area, not just in the area specified.

Mark Stewart, development assistant at the Northwest Office of University Advancement, said he would not know exactly how much money the auction

resulted in for the fund until the winners of the items pay for them.

"Eagle Radio, the station that donated the airtime, statistically has a 95% fulfillment rate for the auctions they do quarterly," Stewart said.

Possessions auctioned off included items as small as pizzas and sandwiches into larger items such as a year's membership to the Maryville Community Center. Other items sold included gloves, night stays in area hotels, massages, rounds of golf, wrench sets, fishing rods, ink jet printers and even an autographed Priest Holmes pennant.

Maryville and St. Joseph area companies and community members all pitched in to donate items and gift certificates for the auction.

This is the first year Northwest participated in such an auction, although the radio station does its own auction every quarter.

"This is the first time we have ever done this radio auction," Stewart said. "We hope to try it again next year in the hope that our success with this one will snowball and generate more support which will translate into more success next time."

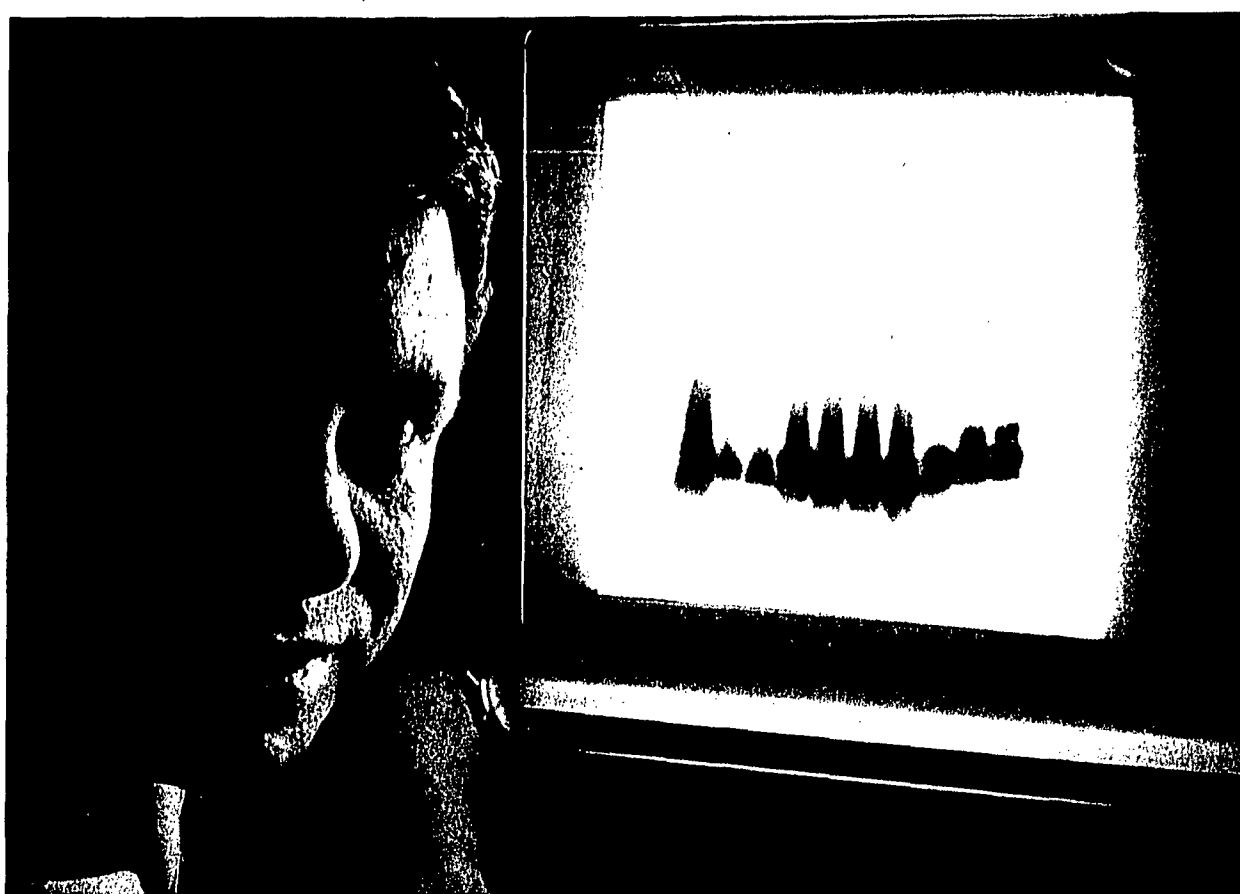


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Dr. Rafiq Islam recently received a \$200,000 grant from the National Institute of Health. The transilluminator, shown here, illuminates a transparent image that shows radioactive exposure in DNA.

Professor gets grant to help find cure for kidney disease

BY BEN KOEHN
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The exploration of genes causing a form of kidney disease took a leap forward when a Northwest professor was awarded a \$200,000 grant.

Dr. Rafiq Islam, associate professor of chemistry/physics at Northwest, received the grant from the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, an extension of the National Institute of Health.

The grant funds will be dispersed to him over the next three years.

Islam hopes to use this money to further his research of the gene causing polycystic kidney disease (PKD). PKD is an autosomal dominant disorder, meaning a victim needs only one gene carrying

the trait for the disease to actually have the disease. An inherited disease much like sickle cell anemia or cystic fibrosis, PKD is more common in the U.S. than those diseases and is actually one of the most commonly-inherited diseases.

"How that becomes a disease is the question we don't know," Islam said.

PKD starts off as small cysts on the kidneys which may begin during infancy, but don't start to take a toll on the victim until their 30s or 40s. Symptoms of PKD can start with urinary tract infections, kidney stones and cysts on the pancreas and liver, but lead into more serious—and eventually fatal—problems like high blood pressure, abnormal heart valves and brain aneurysms. While nearly half of PKD sufferers eventually go into kidney failure, more people die from car-

diovascular problems than from actual kidney failure.

Currently, no cure for PKD exists. Dialysis and kidney transplants are the only treatments available to late-stage PKD sufferers, but dialysis provides only a temporary solution and can wear down the body. Kidney transplants are often successful, and have become more common.

Islam has been working on his research of the genes causing kidney failure for the past years in collaboration with Dr. James P. Calver, a professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The two work during parts of the school year and during the summer to research the PKD gene. The goal of their research is to first understand the gene and why it causes PKD, and secondly to understand the gene's function.

University honors service-driven Bearcats

BY ANDY TIMKO
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The ballots are in and the nominees were notified to attend this year's presentation of the Tower Service Award and the Commitment to Quality Award. The awards were announced during a banquet for the nominees Wednesday at the Student Union.

Five faculty and five staff members, along with 11 students, will receive the award for their contributions to the University community.

"I was very surprised; I really didn't expect it," student honoree Lindsay Niemeyer said. "I came home and told my roommate and she told me that she had been interviewed."

The Commitment to Quality Award honors individuals and groups who implemented the Culture of Quality processes into their activities or professional areas of

responsibility.

This year's selection differed from recent years' because the Tower Service Award winners were chosen based on evaluations from their supervisors, advisers, peers, colleagues and customers, rather than the traditional method when essays about the nominees provided the main criteria.

"I think it made it easier for people to be nominated," Director for Student Support Services Phil Kenkel said. "One thing they did differently this year was after someone was nominated, they solicited information from people who knew that person. I think there was more feedback after the nomination process that really leveled the playing field."

Unlike Kenkel, Niemeyer believes the shortened essay may have hurt the chances of some candidates vying for the prestigious award.

"I've nominated people for the

last two years and I liked last year's (system) better because I felt I was able to share more of my experiences with the person, with the small paragraph I felt that I wasn't able to say why the person I nominated was the best candidate for the award," she said.

Patricia Drews, Rebecca Dunnell, Virgil Freeman, Beth Goudge and Brian Hesse are the faculty receiving the award and Career Services, Tammi Grow, Ron Heller, Kenkel and Jacques Loghry represent the staff.

Students receiving the award include Victor Chinin-Bue, Melissa Elliot, Lindsey Frerking, Cody Gray, Leon Harden III, Caleb Hufford, Carly Jackson, Niemeyer, Daisy Novoa, Mariah Robinson and Rebecca Schelp.

Recipients of this year's Commitment to Quality Award were Virginia Murr, C. Renee Rohs and the Student Support Services team.

News

Brief

Money headed back to international students starting this Fall 2005

International students will soon see a \$100 reimbursement heading their way.

A fee brought on by the Department of Homeland Security the office of admissions decided to give the money back to the students.

The department began charging the fee in 2004 in order to fund the federal government's Student Exchange and Visitor Information System. SEVIS, as the system is called, is a computer network designed to help officials process visas and track information on non-immigrant international and foreign exchange students attending school in the United States.

Northwest Admissions Dean Bev Schenkel said the decision to send the money back to the students was to help and ease the financial burden facing many international students.

"We wanted to send the message that we welcome international students at this University and that we believe in diversity," Schenkel said. "We thought this would help show members of our international community that we're glad they're here."

The reimbursement will be offered for the first time this fall.

Schenkel believes it will cost the university between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

New program names dean to oversee operations at University

Cleo Samudzi, dean of the Missouri Academy, now can add another responsibility to his title.

Samudzi took the role of directing the University's new Honors Program.

The program, which will accept its first students this fall, is open to first-time students with a composite ACT score of 26 and a high school grade-point average of 3.5. Transfer students and those already enrolled at the University will be admitted on a sliding GPA scale tied to the number of credit hours they have earned.

"I think that it's important to provide additional challenges to these students," he said. "These are people who are willing to do quite a bit more, and the faculty will be able to go further with them spend more time and discuss subjects in greater depth."

The Honors Program at Northwest will comprise 21 credit hours within the 42-hour general education curriculum. It is being administered under Northwest's College of Arts and Sciences. Designated courses will have specific sections reserved for honors students only.

Though his new duties don't officially begin until later this spring, Samudzi said he is already working with an Honors Program committee to ensure academic rigor and "clarify what the expectations are."

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Parents pledge to protect children

BY TRAVIS SHIPPEN
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Parents are pledging to lock their liquor cabinets and hide their firearms to help keep the children of Northwest Missouri safe.

The Safe Homes Program sent out pledge forms with every child in Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth counties to help ensure the safety of children.

"The main purpose of the pledge is to provide a safer community for the children in northwest Missouri," Katie Godsey, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments Community Services Director, said. "It is simply a public agreement for the parents."

The pledge asks parents prohibit youth under the age of 21 from consuming alcohol in their homes, and to keep all hazardous items including firearms in a secure storage place.

According to Godsey, the program is "a great way to help with the prevention of underage drinking."

After all the pledge forms have been collected a directory of parents who participated will be compiled. This can be helpful in a great way for parents who don't know the parents of their kids' friends.

"All the parents have to do is look at the directory and see if the other kid's parents signed the pledge," Godsey said.

The Safe Homes Program, in existence for about six years, is brought to the community by the Northwest Missouri Coalition for a Safer Building and funded by St. Francis Hospital and Health Services.

Shippen can be contacted at 562-1224 or s260734@mail.nwmissouri.edu.



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
The charred remains of a Public Safety car sits inside a city garage on Newton street. The car was arsoned Friday, March 25. A task force has been formed to investigate possible links with a rash of recent vandalisms at Northwest and within the community.

Arson hits Public Safety car

Police investigating possible links with Northwest vandalisms

BY AARON BAILEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Maryville Public Safety searches for leads in a suspected act of arson after a patrol car was burned beyond repair last week.

At approximately 5:30 a.m. Friday, the dispatcher inside the Public Safety headquarters downtown heard a loud noise outside the building.

After going outside to investigate the dispatcher found a patrol car, parked right outside the building, engulfed in flames.

The dispatcher then called in backup and subdued the fire before it damaged the building or nearby cars.

The incident occurred less than a month after a similar fire damaged a Northwest Campus Safety car, and officials look into the possibility that the two acts could be related.

"We often find that a lot of times these kinds of incidents are interrelated," said Lt. Ron Christian, a 20-year veteran of Public Safety. "There have also been other acts around the University, so it's something to consider and look at."

Christian refers to the recent rash of vandalism plaguing the campus, in the form of tire slashings and related damage to four cars at the beginning of the semester.

Public Safety conducted several interviews of people who may have seen something that morning and look to talk to one or two more, but the interviews yielded little information, Christian said.

Officers suspect an accelerant was used on the Public Safety car and sent samples to the Missouri Fire Marshall's office to be analyzed.

Since the office is so backed up, results aren't expected for weeks or even months. Campus Safety Director Clarence Green also sent evidence found on the scene of the incident last month to the fire marshal's office for investigation, but was unable to comment on the nature of the evidence.

"We did find some evidence on the scene that will hopefully lead us in a direction or path," Green said.

Public Safety and Campus Safety teamed up with the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department as well as the Missouri Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Missouri Highway Patrol, to pool resources in these cases.

The Missouri Fire Marshall's Office offered a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to a conviction in these cases.

Anyone with information about either incident can contact Public Safety at 562-3209 or Campus Safety at 562-1254.

City council approves rates for Mozingo cabins

BY DOMINICK HADLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

City Council members approved rates for the four new Mozingo cabins during Monday's council meeting.

The city recently unveiled the four lake-front cabins: three cabins able to accommodate four to six people, and one two-bedroom unit able to house eight to 10 people.

The seasonal rates—which run from December 1 to March 30—are \$75 per night for the three smaller units and \$90 per night for the two-bedroom cabin. During the off-season, April-November, there will also be a 15 percent discount for a full weeks rental.

Weekend rentals are set at \$90 per night for the three smaller units and \$120 per night for the two-bedroom unit.

Mayor Michael Thompson expressed some concern about affordability and accessibility issues for

Maryville residents.

According to Thompson, many area residents are concerned the cabins will be booked full booked before Maryville citizens can make reservations.

"The way we have it set up now is on a 12 month annual (open rental period)," he said. "They feel it will give Maryville citizens a chance to use these cabins first. It will kind of give them an edge."

City Manager Matt Chesnut expressed similar concerns. Chesnut wants to ensure the ready availability of the cabins to any interested persons.

"What I don't want to see is someone coming in and saying that we'll pay for the week, but we're not going to stay in it for the first two days. I want people to be able to use this."

Council members will meet at a later date to hammer out remaining decisions.

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Teaching partnership between Northwest, St. Gregory nears end

BY SAM MUCHIRI
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

A partnership forged by the Northwest Art Education Club and St. Gregory's Middle School entered its final lap with gratifying results.

The project, launched Jan. 7, continues through April 15 and concludes with an art exhibition April 21.

According to Sonya Henggeler, St. Gregory's principal, the opportunity arose when the school lost an art teacher.

"We were looking for an economical way to bring art to our students," Henggeler said. "And not just an art class, but more art experience so that students could see how art could be used as a career."

Alysia Grummert, who taught a Ceramic Decorated Forms class, said

the experience she received proved the most beneficial aspect of the program.

"The program is what we expect when we get out there," Grummert said.

Fifth grader Chris Holtman enjoyed the freedom the lessons offered to students.

"They let us have fun and do what we want to do while we are doing everything we are supposed to be doing," Holtman said.

The Northwest students will benefit in various ways but the art club will receive a stipend of \$750.

"They are doing a fantastic job, we are very excited about and we hope the partnership continues into next year as well," Henggeler said.

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Our View

Misguiding Media

Schiavo, Jackson dominate news coverage in national media; detracts attention from other matters

In the era of 24-hour news channels and the Internet, as consumers of mass media—either consciously or subconsciously—we are all affected by what the gatekeepers of information deem newsworthy.

For the last two weeks, we have been inundated with coverage of the Terri Schiavo situation and the Michael Jackson trial. While these events may hold a certain value of newsworthiness, in no way do these situations and events deserve the attention both receive from the national media.

The events in Florida centered on Schiavo may hold bearing on us all, in the form of the "right to die" issue and the extent of legislators involvement in the personal lives of private citizens. However, the constant cascade of images streaming from these live reports from Florida gives the Schiavo situation a raised sense of importance in the minds of the majority of Americans.

Which leads to the question: Have news outlets begun to propagate—and for that matter, perpetuate—unimportant stories and shift or mold what we, as news consumers, believe is important in our lives?

While the idea that responsible and ethical journalism has been all but abandoned in the wake of the modern media may be extreme, any conscientious observer can see this era of profit-driven media conglomeration taints our ability, as a collective, to place value on a news story. Case in point—the Schiavo situation.

We count on the ability of editors and producers to sift through the mountain of news around the world and show us the stories affecting our society as a whole. Many variables must be considered when narrowing down this copious information to single bits to fit into a 15-second story on CNN or an eight-inch story in *USA Today*. And while time and space constraints are obviously present, one responsibility of the press is to be the eyes and ears of the masses, and report on the events in our ever-changing world. It isn't their job to regurgitate the same information for weeks in a row, without bothering to investigate the larger issues in a story.

It should also be stressed that alternative, quality sources for news are available—but this does not negate the responsibility of the more popular networks and newspapers to guide the information flow to the consumer. News outlets like the BBC and shows like NBC's "Meet the Press" almost always provide diverse coverage and in-depth analysis. They should serve as a model of what reporting is all about—aggressively uncovering news and giving perspective as to how it affects society.

Which, perhaps, leads to the larger question: Are we, the news consumers, guiding the content by what we choose to watch and read? "Meet the Press" certainly doesn't do as well in the ratings as "Access Hollywood."

If this is the case, which we at *The Missourian* believe it is, we can all do something about it.

Next time you visit a news web site, resist the urge to click on the latest Britney Spears divorce "scandal" or Michael Jackson mishap. Explore alternative sources for news. Resist the small-minded, voyeuristic tendencies of human nature, and choose to consume news relevant to society as a whole.

We all consume mass media. By taking the time to explore the world around you, you will not only heighten your ability to analyze humanity and your own position in life, but it may just cause the major networks to rethink how they choose what they think we should know.

Christianity ought to be more than a label

My View



STEPHANIE STANGL
MANAGING EDITOR

As the sun set Saturday night, I contemplated going to a sunrise service for the sake of Easter.

But I stopped myself; I fought the urge to go to church for the wrong reasons. I haven't been to church in years, and I feel it would be hypocritical to go.

Undoubtedly, many found themselves in this predicament or, even

worse, I fathom many have been going to church for the wrong reasons for years. They continuously label themselves "Christian," but don't really possess the desire to attend services or display true Christian practices.

I see people all the time claiming to be devout because they were baptized or their parents proclaimed they were Christian, so magically, they became Christian. Some label themselves as such, but fail to treat others the way they want to be treated or practice such things as forgiveness.

I am going to lay it on the line for you: I am agnostic. I don't know exactly what I believe in, but I am slowly figuring out that even if I don't know if I buy into monotheism, I am not going to label myself as Christian when I know I struggle to practice Christian teachings.

You wouldn't believe how good it feels to admit I am agnostic. For years, I sat idly by as others spoke of going to church on Sundays or tried to push their god down my throat, biting my tongue with a regretful cry every time someone judged me because I don't go to church on Sundays.

Don't deny that you do. I know

many Christians who judge everyone that does not choose to go to church. We're heathens. We're going to hell. We're not good people.

Well, I am here to ask if each who do this on a continuous basis believe it makes you a good person to sit back and judge. I think you might find that to judge isn't very "Christian" in and of itself.

In my creative nonfiction class, an extremely religious classmate raised an interesting point. He said he really admires non-Christians, because they are not quick to label themselves as "Christian" for society's sake but yet, they have to take the time to really get to know themselves and figure out what they believe in.

I couldn't agree more, as long as people label themselves something other than a dominant religion for the right reasons. To just rebel against your parents who forced you to go to church each Sunday and call yourself atheist probably isn't the right reason. But hey, if it works for you, it's not for me to judge.

So, I was thinking maybe I would start going to church, but not because society tells me I need to go or because I necessarily even

believe in God. I would like to go to church to learn the Christian practices to enrich my life and make me happier. I'd like to learn how to forgive those who have trespassed against me and learn a little more in kindness and unselfishness. And then if I decide I believe in God, so be it. I believe we should learn and practice the teachings first and then grant ourselves the label; instead of placing the label, not practicing the teachings and risk living a lie.

So, I urge each of you to take a step back. If you take a look within yourself and find you go to church and truly practice what your pastor preaches, then good for you. But if not, be honest with yourself and figure out who you really are and why you go, instead of investing your time in judging others.

So, I beg the question: Is it better to label oneself a Christian and fail to truly live up to the meaning just so sleep comes a bit easier, or to take a step back and figure out what you believe in and risk disapproval from society?

You have to make your own decision, but me? I'll take the latter, with pride.

Decreasing American oil dependency proves better choice

In the *Missourian's* last issue Sean Comer argued that drilling in Alaska's Arctic Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) would bring America closer to energy independence and improve the quality of life for both the indigenous Inuit people and the caribou there. Mr. Comer's argumentation is both cynical and uninformed.

The Inuit way of life has already been negatively impacted by Western "civilization"—money from oil drilling is not the answer to their cultural crisis, but the very cause of it. As for the caribou, the warmth generated by pipelines supposedly stimulates breeding and is therefore beneficial. Incidentally, the caribou live in a well-balanced ecosystem that has been working fine for millennia; they don't need us to heat it up for them. And it's not the caribou alone, there are

bears, musk oxen, wolves and hundreds of other mammal, insect, bird and plant species. Moreover, opening this last truly unspoiled wilderness in America to drilling doesn't just mean some pipelines, it means a sprawling industrial complex of roads, airstrips, power lines, pumping stations and housing for workers, not to mention the danger of spills by oil tankers. We all know it's impossible to undo the damage of environmental disasters. Is this a risk we can choose to ignore in favor of Mr. Comer's main point, America's presumed energy independence?

The scientific data, gathered by the U.S. Geological Survey, provides the answer: If exploration starts this year, ANWR could generate one million barrels of oil by 2025. The oil companies claim the first oil could reach

the market in 10 years. Whoever you believe, the 10 billion barrels of ANWR's full capacity could only satisfy 4 percent of the total American demand around 2025, according to Department of Energy calculations. In fact, the scientific evidence against drilling in ANWR is so devastating that the Republicans only achieved their goal by sneaking an amendment into the must-pass budget bill instead of laying the issue out in the open.

If one listens to experts instead of partisan rhetoric, it becomes clear energy independence is unattainable for America, which consumes 25 percent of the world's oil supply while amounting to only 5 percent of world population. What is required is a wise policy of conservation and avoiding the worst excesses. Domestically, the Bush administration has refused to do that

because it could alienate important financial backers—the auto industry won't set new fuel efficiency standards unless forced to do so. Internationally, the invasion of Iraq led to increased oil prices because the resulting instability in the Middle East prompted futures traders to add a "security premium" to the price of oil (contrary to what Mr. Comer says, it isn't OPEC that determines the price of oil but the futures markets which trade in oil like any commodity).

Our society needs to seriously evaluate its dependence on oil. That will take more than blaming OPEC for price-gouging. The first step is to change our attitude that cheap fuel is an American birthright.

ARMIN MUHSAM
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ART

Your View

What's your favorite Northwest memory?



"Being the envy of every guy on campus. I live with three girls, so every day is my favorite memory at Northwest."

KENTON McDONALD
BROADCASTING/HISTORY



"Participating in the Alternative Spring Break. The school got recognition and I had a memorable experience helping low income kids."

JESSICA ALVAREZ
MARKETING MANAGEMENT



"Moving in and everyone thinking I was a snobby, rich brat."

MEAGAN ASHLEY
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



"Going to sporting events, like football games."

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Taylor awaits retrial announcement

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WEST MISSOURIAN

William Taylor must wait until at May 1 before finding out his fate at a retrial.

Lawyers for William Taylor delivered their case March 17, in efforts to get another trial after being found guilty of first-degree murder nearly 11 years ago.

Assistant Attorney General Eric Morrell and Taylor's counsel Gipsen and Sean O'Brien filed their closing arguments yesterday.

Taylor seeks a retrial after he was convicted of first-degree murder more than 11 years ago after he backed over his wife, Debra Jo, with a combine.

Now after more than a decade, Taylor and his lawyers say he was not mentally healthy when he committed the homicide.

Throughout the one-day hearing, a long list of witnesses took the stand.

Headlining the witness list was away County Sheriff Ben Espey.

Espey took the stand and answered questions regarding the investigation surrounding Taylor following his run-over his wife with a combine.

Espey visited Taylor in the hospital the Saturday following the trial and interviewed him after learning he intentionally ran over and killed Debra Jo.

Taylor's attorneys questioned Espey's ethics, gathering the information, since he was a childhood friend of Taylor's brother, Jim.

However, the sheriff said he made it clear when he entered the hospital room he was acting as sheriff.

"He knew when I walked in the hospital room, I was the sheriff," Espey said.

"When I read him the Miranda (rights) and layed down the recorder between us, he knew I was the sheriff."

Following Espey's accounts Jim Markle, former brother-in-law of Taylor took the stand.

Markle, along with brothers Jim and Wayne Taylor, proposed Espey made it seem he came as a friend not necessarily as a law enforcement officer.

Taylor's attorneys also questioned the abilities and efforts of his previous defense. Included in that was the fact that the day before Will Bunch delivered closing arguments, his daughter had been arrested, not allowing him to be present for the verdict reading.

Taylor said had he known about Bunch's situation, he would have asked for a continuance.

In all, Taylor testified for just 10 minutes. While under oath, he discussed topics including his deceased wife's eyeglasses and alleged promises Espey made in his hospital room November 13, 1994.

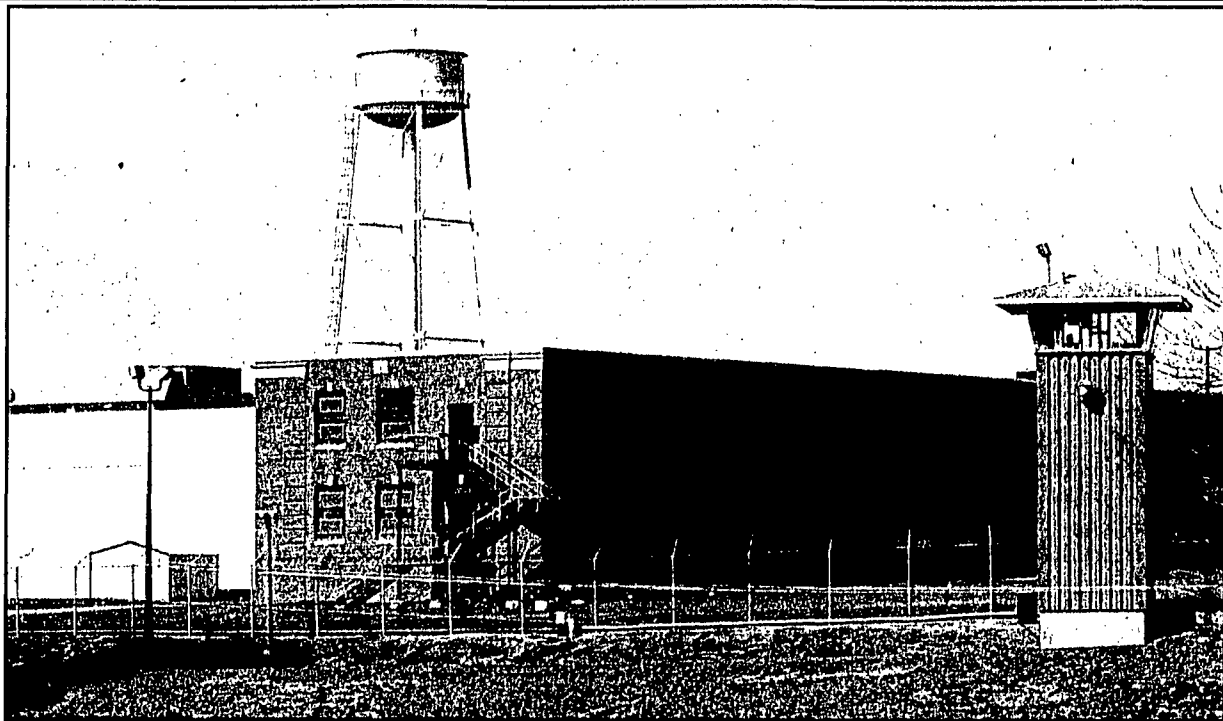
Throughout the morning, Taylor's defense attorneys questioned former lawyers Bunch and Zel Fischer, along with Dr. William S. Logan, a psychiatrist who met with Taylor following the death of his wife.

Logan discussed several issues regarding the questioned mental health of Taylor in the months leading up to Debra Jo's death.

According to Logan, Taylor questioned the future of he and his wife's marriage. Reports stated he worried about the future of their marriage because she "was standing too close to a high school janitor." Additionally, Taylor grew increasingly worried because his wife purchased a two-piece bathing suit.

Logan said after several examinations, he had reason to believe Taylor was mentally ill.

Should Taylor be granted a new trial, the courts would not likely issue a date until late May.



A sign marks the entrance to the Central Missouri Correctional Center, known locally as the "church farm" Tuesday, March 29, 2005, near Jefferson City, Mo. Gov. Matt Blunt has recommended the 1000-bed men's minimum security facility be closed temporarily to help balance the state's budget.

State targets prison for closure

BY HEATHER J. CARLSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Over the past eight years, the state has opened seven new prisons and added more than 12,000 beds in an effort to keep up with a soaring inmate population.

Now Gov. Matt Blunt has recommended temporarily closing Central Missouri Correctional Center—also known as Church Farm prison—to help balance the state's budget. The governor's office estimates the closure could save about \$9.4 million in operation and labor costs during the 2006 budget year.

The facility houses about 950 inmates. Closing it would leave Missouri with 104 empty prison beds statewide after those inmates are relocated, Department of Corrections spokesman John Fougere said Wednesday. The department estimates the state's prison system has a net gain of roughly two inmates every day.

Those numbers have some Democrats concerned about whether the closure could lead to dangerous overcrowding in the other state prisons.

"We're having a hard time keeping corrections officers, and when you put them in a situation where you create a more volatile environment, you are putting those prisoners at risk," said Rep. Ed Wildberger, D-St. Joseph, who serves on the House Public Safety and Corrections Appropriations Committee.

But Department of Corrections Director Larry Crawford said the closure could actually improve safety because the 274 full-time Church Farm employees could be relocated to fill staffing shortages at other prisons.

"Our first task is to maintain public safety and the safety for our offenders and our staff, and we're doing that by going to capacity and maintaining good staffing," Crawford said.

Central Missouri Correctional Center opened on the outskirts of Jefferson City in 1938, making it one of Missouri's oldest operating prisons. It developed the nickname "Church Farm" because the land was owned by the Church family and inmates did farm labor to work off their sentences, Fougere said. Farmland dotted with cows and horses still surrounds the minimum-security prison's red brick campus.

Under the governor's plan, Church Farm would be closed for at least one year. Crawford said the prison is expected to close by July 1 and some inmates already have been moved to other facilities. The department plans to keep about 20 employees at Church Farm for maintenance and security.

Blunt said he and his staff worked with the department before recommending the cut. He said closing Church Farm is a temporary measure to balance the budget without having to raise taxes.

"We're talking about essentially mothballing the facility so it can be reopened in a fiscal year when it's needed if we as a state can afford to

keep it open," he said.

Missouri is not alone when it comes to closing prisons to save money. During the 1990s, states across the nation invested heavily in new prisons to accommodate massive growth in the inmate population stemming from tougher sentencing laws, said Blake Harrison, a senior policy analyst with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

But since 2000, many states have been struggling with tight budgets and corrections spending has shrunk, Harrison said. So several states, including Georgia, have opted to close prisons or delay opening new facilities. In addition, several states, including Missouri, are looking at ways to curb the inmate population through reduced sentences. In June 2003, a new relaxed sentencing law took effect in Missouri that allows people convicted of certain nonviolent felonies to seek release after serving four months in prison. However, the law has not led to the release of hundreds or even thousands of inmates, as some had feared.

Sen. Carl Vogel, whose district includes Church Farm, said the prison's temporary closure may not be ideal, but during tough budget times the state has to save money where it can.

"I think it's a very challenging budget time and I think they are making the best of a bad situation, and this is as palatable as it's going to get for now," said Vogel, R-Jefferson City.

Local stores find culprit in bad check epidemic

BY SEAN COMER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Amber Anderson (Pleasant) of Maryville faces three charges of felony stealing by deceit after attempting to pass bad checks worth nearly \$6,000 combined.

In addition to the three felony counts, Anderson also wrote bad checks to at least 12 other Maryville businesses totaling over \$2,500. According to Public Safety officer Martin Wood in a probable cause statement, the Northwest Missouri Regional Credit Union closed Anderson's account Feb. 16. After the account closed, Anderson wrote first one check to Best Brands Plus for \$2,901.81 Feb. 17, plus two prior, separate checks totaling \$649.12. Additionally, she wrote another \$562.22 worth of bad checks to Hy-Vee.

Best Brands Plus owner Cliff McNair recalls first selling items to Anderson, then an attempt to return merchandise for a cash refund. Currently, McNair has tracked some of the merchandise to Denver but had problems obtaining a court release to have the merchandise held for him.

"We've found the products, they're in Denver," McNair said. "But [the judge] won't file a court lien against them so we can pick them up because he says he doesn't need them for evidence because he's got the checks."

"I'm sure it causes the court some paperwork and it costs the county a couple of dollars, but I'm out three-grand, plus the other merchants, and I'm sure if we put a track on all that stuff, I'm sure we can find a lot of it."

McNair appreciates the assistance and cooperation of both the Maryville police and Anderson's family.

"The Maryville PD has called the pawnshops and police for me. They've called her father and he's holding some of the merchandise," McNair said. "But according to the police in Denver, they won't release it until the court up here files for it and the court won't file for it. The criminal gets the benefit and the guy who gets criminalized gets the shaft."

Prosecuting Attorney David Baird said Anderson also wrote another \$2,500 in bad checks to other Maryville businesses, in addition to the over \$3,000 worth of checks stemming from the felony charges. According to Baird, if Anderson opts for a jury trial for the felony charges, she could face any misdemeanor charges filed for other bad checks.

"Quite honestly, I think there's other bad checks being traced," Baird said. "As merchants or individuals call us, we send them to either Public Safety or the sheriff's department."

Public Safety Director Keith Wood recommend that merchants first call in large checks for verification before accepting them, in addition to wariness from local businesses.

"Anytime there's a big transaction, the banks will probably disclose not how much is in the bank, but if they call and say 'I have a check for X-number of dollars, is it covered?', the bank will disclose that," Wood said.

"It's hard to judge the character of your patrons, of course. It sounds discriminatory, but at the same time, if they look like they probably don't have that kind of money, then maybe they don't."

CAPSULE: Decades of memories uncovered

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"We initially were trying to get the Fonda here for our 75th anniversary," Carneal said. "Instead we're the Gaunt House put on the national registry and decided to kick the Centennial celebration with opening of a time capsule."

Chase Cornett and Linda Baer saved each time capsule item individually. Baer served as Student State president when the capsule was placed and Cornett currently is in the position.

Initial plans call for the contents to remain buried until 2105, when the University celebrates 200 years.

Campus officials said they will collect new artifacts for the time capsule throughout the Centennial year.

Martin plans to put in information about her involvement in the Delta Zeta sorority.

"I think it will be fun for people to see how things will have changed across campus over the next 100 years," she said.

RESULTS: TIF project concerns community

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Maryville is not the first city in Missouri to use TIF. In Clay County, multiple TIF projects are in the works. County Clerk Pam Mason said too much money is being lost.

"TIF is not a bad tool," Mason said. "It's like a hot fudge sundae. It doesn't hurt you to have one, but having too much can be bad for you."

Mason also said bringing in a TIF project could close down the local mom and pop stores. This would lead to the property losing value and possibly being TIF itself causing a trickle down effect.

"The guy who owns the building can now come in and say my property is not blighted and I have to lower my value," Mason said. "Now they want a TIF and the overall value of the county will go down."

DUBIOUS: Sale, use of meth still on the rise

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Although meth remains largely a rural problem, it still finds its way into cities. The Kansas City metro area and in particular Independence have been known to be a hotbed for meth production and usage, but the problem has moved east into the St. Louis area. The numbers show slightly fewer cases in 2004 than 2003, but Pardoe said it's still a growing problem. Cases may be down statewide, but St. Louis saw an increase of nearly 90 percent from 2003.

Missouri lawmakers see meth as a hugely growing problem as well. Missouri State Senator John Cauthorn introduced a bill requiring products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, one of the primary ingredients in cook-

ing meth, to be sold only by a pharmacist or technician. If it becomes law, this bill would put these products behind the counter; however, it would target only pill forms of the drug and would not affect drugs in liquid or gel-cap form.

Cauthorn's Chief of Staff Jerry Dowell said another part of the bill would require purchasers to show photo identification, and the purchase would be logged and tracked. Tracking the drugs is important to keep retailers from selling large amounts of ephedrine out the back door, and also said it would prevent cooks from going to several stores to purchase the ingredients. Dowell said carloads of meth users and cooks can go around and each purchase the drug; by the time they reach the third store the group could acquire 500 pills or enough to an ounce of meth.

"Most are cooking for their own needs," Dowell said. "Most people are weary of showing identification, and we're anticipating these people are going to be deterred. We also hope that we will be able to track an abusing pharmacist and they won't be able to sell anymore."

Dowell also said keeping a log would help enforce a limit in the amount of ephedrine products purchased. One could only purchase up to nine grams over a 30-day period, more than enough than what someone would need.

"If they took the medication as directed, they would have enough for 37 and half days," Dowell said. "They're getting more than what they need anyway, and you're not suppose to be on the medication more than a week anyway."

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'The 10 Women You'll Be Before You're 35'

A guide to identifying, understanding and mastering each crazy, fun and challenging phase in life

BY KRISTINE HOTOP
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Second in her series of self-motivation books, Alison James will soon publish another read focusing on the different lives women will live, starting after college graduation until the ripe age of 35.

James shared her thoughts on the book and gives motivational tips she follows when writing.

Q: What inspired you to write "The 10 Women you'll Be...."?

A: I wrote this book because I think it's important that women in their twenties know that it's normal to feel a little "all over the place" at times. Being 20-something is exciting, but it is also very challenging. I changed my mind constantly about guys, my career, who I wanted to be, how to dress, what color my hair should be, you name it. Most women I know really didn't start to feel totally together and confident until they hit 30-something (and even then there are some challenges left to face!). So, I wrote this book to help younger women laugh at some of the crazy things we go through in our twenties and also see these challenges with a little more perspective.

I also want women to know that your life isn't over when you turn 30. It's really, in many ways, just beginning!

Q: What types of experiences is the book based on?

A: I spend a lot of time interviewing women from all over the United States about their experiences and feelings about major issues that affect us. This book is based on my own personal experiences, obviously, but also those of friends, my siblings and feedback from the thousands of women who have visited my web site

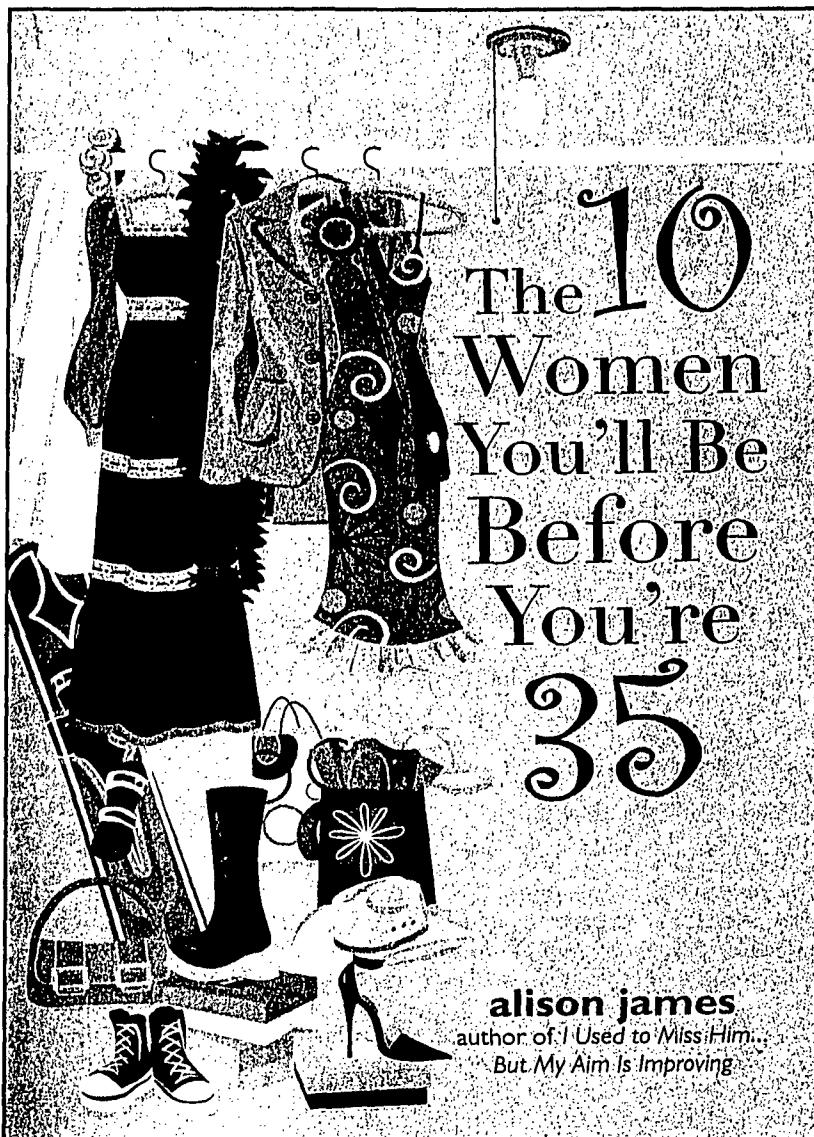
and responded to my surveys.

Q: How does this book differ from "I Used to Miss Him...."?

A: "I Used to Miss Him...." is a breakup survival guide and obviously women going through a tough time with a guy will benefit from it most. "The 10 Women You'll Be Before You're 35" is something all women can learn from and relate to. I like to combine humor with serious lessons in my books. I think it helps tremendously to be able to laugh at a crisis, whether it's a career issue or a problem with a guy. You need to know that it's not the end of the world when something goes wrong or when you feel confused about what you want. You will get through the tough times and be stronger and more confident because of them.

Q: Do you feel as if your books are making an impact in your readers, in the way they might approach or handle certain situations?

A: From the feedback I have received, I know some women out there are benefiting from my books and that feels like a major achievement. My goal is to help readers feel more confident in their own abilities and decisions. Often times simply knowing other women have insecurities too can help you see yourself in a new way. When I was in college I always assumed every other woman had her life totally together and I was the only one who felt a little shaky. I spent a lot of time thinking, "I'm just not able to handle life the way these other women can." In hindsight, I realized we were all going through the same thing. I want women to know that they are not somehow less able or less equipped to handle life than their peers. Feeling a little insecure and facing those insecurities is a normal part of growing up.



Q: Based from "The 10 Women You'll Be...." What advice can you give to readers?

A: Nothing you do in your life is a waste of time, even if it is a huge disaster. You will learn things from all of your experiences that will make you the unique person you are meant to be in

this world. When you're going through some of the tough times you won't always see their benefits. But some day you will look back at the big breakup, career disaster or mini-crisis and realize it taught you a valuable lesson or pushed you in a new direction you never would have gone otherwise.

The Top 5

NIGHTLY TELEVISION SHOWS

1. "American Idol" (Tuesday) Fox
2. "American Idol" (Wednesday) Fox
3. "Survivor: Palau" CBS
4. "House" Fox
5. "Cold Case" CBS

MOVIES

1. "Guess Who" Sony
2. "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" Warner Bros.
3. "The Ring Two" DreamWorks
4. "Robots" Fox
5. "The Pacifier" Disney

SONGS

1. "Candy Shop," 50 Cent (feat. Olivia)
2. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," Green Day
3. "Obsession (No Es Amor)" Frankie J
4. "Since You Been Gone" Kelly Clarkson
5. "Disco Inferno" 50 Cent

CONCERT TOURS

1. George Strait
2. Cher
3. Josh Groban
4. Motley Crue
5. Yanni

AP Billboard

Incredibly fun for a

DVD release of "The Incredibles" proves excellent viewing choice

BY NICHOLAS WATSON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Incredibles is an action-packed, fun-for-all family movie. Not only will kids enjoy this adventurous comedy, adults will also pick up on the jokes that are a bit over the heads of our youth.

Superhero Mr. Incredible goes into retirement after many outra-

geous lawsuits (very 21st century) put his super powers out of commission. He goes into hiding with the government's help. Now living in the witness protection program, we find our hero years later behind a desk at a job with a family at home to take care of. Only known by his secret identity, Bob Parr, he lives with his wife Helen (formerly Elastigirl) and their three children Violet, Dash and Jack Jack. Like most, he is tired of the stereotypical pushy boss and unsatisfied with his daily work. Of course his wife has worked hard over the years creating a wonderful family home that he can be the hero he yearns to be once again. When a mysterious informant

offers Mr. Incredible the chance to play the hero role once again, jumps at the opportunity. Back to the superhero profession life is good, but things turn for the worst as now the whole family of Incredibles must save the day.

The creators of the movie felt important to put together a DVD package as incredible as the title. One can get enough of Jack Jack, a short film was put together which fits perfectly with The Incredibles.

Other great features include "The Making of The Incredibles" which holds a lot of inside information about the movie. Plus a special



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down and watch as a family, or for a group of college students staying in for the night, this is the movie to see. The over-the-top action and creative story prove refreshing, like some cartoons retelling the story over and over. Be bold; don't watch tonight.

NEW MOVIE RELEASES

♦Beauty Shop

After a dispute with her boss (Kevin Bacon), Gina Norris (Queen Latifah) buys a run-down beauty salon and opens up a business of her own.

♦Miss Congeniality 2: ♦Armed and Fabulous

Since thwarting a threat against a contestant in the Miss United States pageant, Gracie (Sandra Bullock) has become the FBI's public-relations mascot. When her friends are kidnapped, Gracie and her new partner, Sam (Regina King), go undercover.

♦Guess Who

A remake of the 1967 Sidney Poitier-Katharine Hepburn drama, this comedy follows a young man named Simon (Ashton Kutcher) as he meets his fiancée's father, Percy (Bernie Mac), for the first time.

♦D.E.B.S.

A group of high-school hotties is recruited by the FBI to become secret agents.

♦The Ballad of Jack and Rose

A terminally ill father (Daniel Day-Lewis) sees his relationship with his daughter (Camilla Belle) change when he invites his girlfriend (Catherine Keener) and her kids to live with them.

♦Old Boy

After being kidnapped and imprisoned for 15 years, a man is released and given a wallet full of money and a cell phone. The man becomes even more confused about his circumstances when a stranger calls and asks him to figure out why he was locked up.

EVENTS CALENDAR

LOCAL

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| Slipknot
April 22 @ 7 p.m.
City Market
Kansas City | 10th Annual National Federation of Professional Bullriders Finals
March 31 @ 7 p.m.
Civic Arena
St. Joseph | Ron White
April 9 @ 7 and 9:30 p.m.
Midland Theatre
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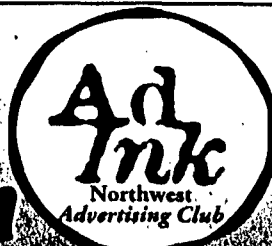
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From Past to Present

A century ago, Northwest became part of Maryville's history, setting foundations for traditions of excellence.

BY KRISTINE HOTOP
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

What was once a vacant spot of land covered with endless fields and farm animals now serves over 6,500 students, but the section of land wasn't always destined to be home of higher education studies.

Jon Rickman, professor of information systems, knows the story firsthand from his grandfather, Harry Todd, during the memorable times Northwest celebrates this week.

According to Rickman, the University became a part of Maryville history thanks to two major events which helped in acquiring the selection site and keeping the University prosperous.

The first major event rested on the shoulders of the Site Selection Committee in July 1905. According to Rickman, the story of Northwest's creation is based on showing Maryville as the appropriate community to support a State Normal School.

Located 30 miles south of Maryville, the nearby town of Savannah was also considered as a possible location. A special train provided the selection committee with timely transportation to Maryville, allowing the committee to arrive hours before basic train scheduling would permit.

"At that time Savannah was holding a banquet for the committee, so right as it was ending, the train was there to charter the group to Maryville in high style," Janice Falcone, assistant professor of history, said. "Maryville thought it would be good to bring the committee in at a decent time so they could rest and view what the town had to offer at appropriate times. With the basic train scheduling, they wouldn't have arrived until 4 a.m."

Maryville had a myriad of things to offer a possible school. Two train stations made an average of eight stops a day in town, St. Francis hospital, an electrical lighting company and citizens willing to make donations towards the schools arrival.

The second major event focused on keeping and improving on the building site, in 1907.

As Rickman explained, the strategy to acquire state funding proved crucial at this point. In order to impress those controlling the flow of state money, the city needed to plan an event as impressive and big as possible.

The town arranged a huge celebration to welcome government officials, urging them to agree to fund the plans. Hundreds of invitations were sent out, most importantly requesting the governor's appearance.

"This is where my grandfather really comes into the picture. He was always around somewhere helping the University," Rickman said. "He was also an active member of the Commercial Club of Maryville; they were asked to prepare the town for the event."

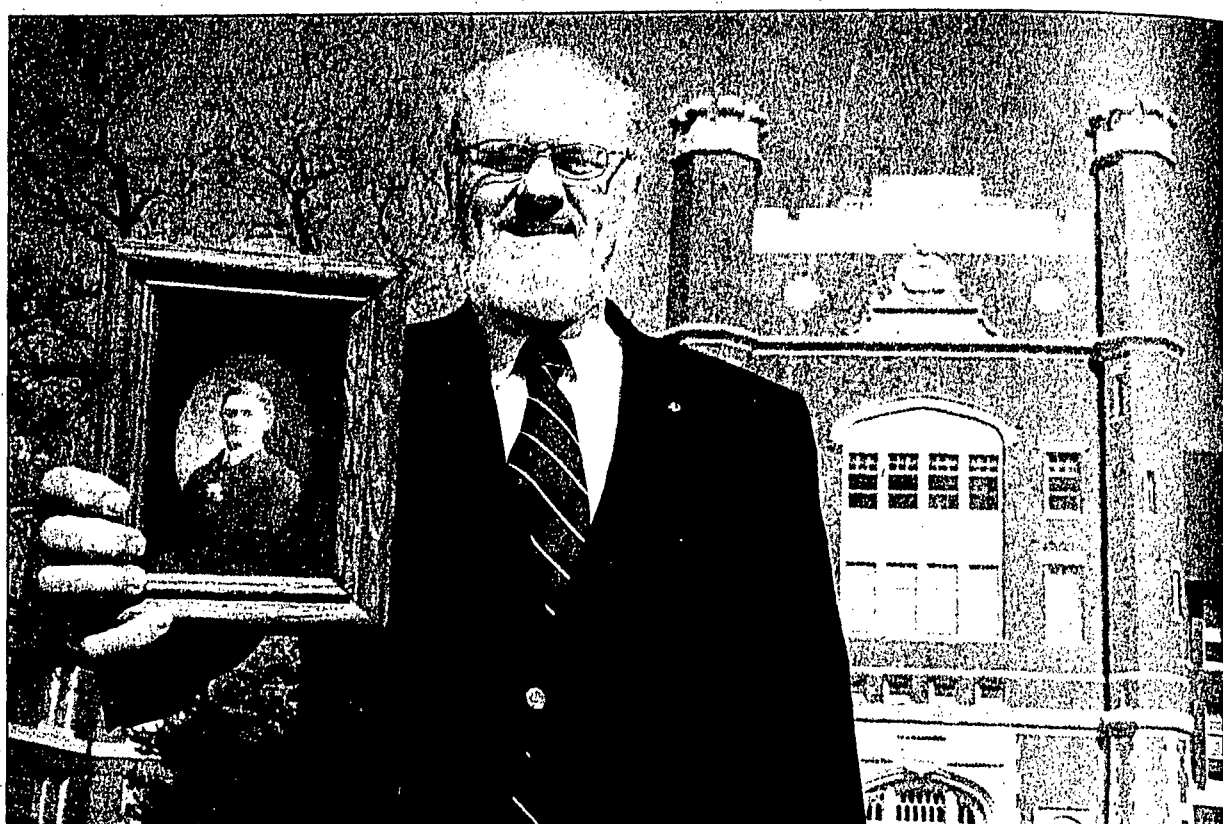
The Fifth District Normal School at Maryville colors of the time, red and white, covered banners strung across houses and buildings around the entirety of Maryville. Todd was in charge of ensuring every piece of planning for the big day stayed in tact and properly arranged. The goal was to impress the governor and prove Maryville was the best choice for the proposed school; attention to detail was mandatory.

20,000 people packed into the small town square to attend the celebration. Todd's efforts confirmed valuable as the awed governor approved funding for the new university.

Todd and the Commercial Club tremendously impacted and influenced the governor's initial visit and continuous support to the College.

"The governor's visit was a turning point for the University," Rickman said. "He was greeted by the town during his migration from the train station to downtown, and Maryville did a good job of welcoming him."

Funding conflicts began to arise concerning local involvement with school sions. With the large amount of money required for improvements and state



Professor of information systems Jon Rickman holds a photo of his grandfather, Harry Todd who impacted funding and selection of Maryville for the University.

funding unable to cover the entire cost, those contributing substantial amounts felt a deeper connection with the school's operation.

"The town was very helpful to the school and with their help, the school raised \$90,000 for funding Administration Building construction," Rickman said. "With the amount of money raised, mostly through private investors, some of the town contributors felt very involved."

Most of contributing Maryville was concerned about potential choices of the University. They wanted to ensure their donations would entitle them to a say in upcoming options.

The governor's visit to Jefferson City to request Northwest's funding didn't provide Maryville with the type of appropriations they imagined. Money issues pressing the construction of Northwest halted production several times, due to funds received in pieces. Ending in less than concrete construction, the building had to be redone years later.

"The laying of the cornerstone was a big endorsement for the people of Maryville," Falcone said. "It proved that the school was a reality and also served as a pressure for funding; you can't lay a cornerstone and not follow through on plans. It was a psychological manipulation, you might say."

The end result is today's Administration Building structure; at the time equipped with a gym, classrooms, offices and a basement pool.

The Commercial Club eventually dissipated and in 1929 formed into the Maryville Rotary Club. Todd served on the Club's educational committee dealing with all public relation and vocational service issues.

Todd recognized the financial troubles the school experienced and contributed all he could through his and his fathers, Rickman's great-grandfather's telephone company.

"My grandfather played a major part in the early success of the school," Rickman said. "In the late 1800's, he and his dad, my great-grandfather Joel Todd, owned the Hanamo Phone Company and the company tried all they could to help the school."

The grandchildren of Todd reunited this past summer to tour campus and Todd's former house, since renovated into a church-school. The centennial will be a marking point of the family history, when the group can remember their grandfather's stories of how the school came to be a century ago.

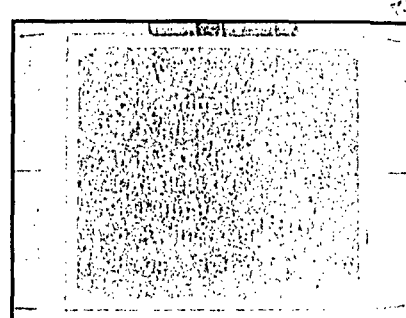


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The laying of the cornerstone marked a memorable event for Northwest, Oct. 12, 1907.

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Hounds drop first game to conference foe

BY SETH WOODERSON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The bats officially began to clank at Maryville High School, as the Spoofhounds' baseball season kicked off.

The 'Hounds started their season with a record, beating Nebraska City during their home opener and losing to Benton Monday, 17-7.

Lead-off hitter Skyler Vandiver hit two home runs for the 'Hounds and Cody Hurst pitched three solid innings. At the top of the fourth inning the game was tied, 7-7, but Benton proved too much for the 'Hounds as they took a dominating lead in the fourth inning and never looked back, ending the game with a 10-run rule. Still, the 'Hounds and coach Brian Lohafer are disappointed with the start of the season.

"The weather's been too cold and we just haven't had enough time outside yet to take groundballs on the field," Lohafer said. "We've got to cut down on groundball and throwing errors."

Senior Skyler Vandiver feels anxious to see what the season will lead to in the future.

"We've started out pretty well," Vandiver. Benton is a real good team and we hit well against them. We've been experimenting with different pitchers and positions on the field."

"There are only two returning starters: Josh Wilmes and Evan Wilmes," Lohafer said. "They both were in basketball, which is an advantage. It's still early and we're trying to get our pitch counts up and reduce errors. We haven't thrown our best pitchers yet."

The 'Hounds will receive that chance Thursday, when they travel to play Lafayette. please see 'HOUNDS' page 3B

Track starts season with lone home meet

BY SETH WOODERSON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Northwest track and field teams will kick off their 2005 outdoor campaign with their one and only home meet, scheduled for Saturday.

After coming off a successful indoor season (ranked number 8 according to the National Power rankings), coach Richard Alsup looks forward to the success the outdoor season will bring but expressed concern about his athletes on account of the meet falling so close to spring break.

The annual Northwest Invitational brings 14 teams to Maryville, including Grand Valley State who finished in the No. 1 spot in the nation during the indoor season, as well as three conference foes.

"We'll probably have an advantage," Alsup said. "We'll have all of our people here, whereas people who are traveling won't bring their borderline people and borderline people can have a good day," Alsup said.

The Bearcats will look to their veteran throwers Clint Prange and Dallas Flynn as well as sprinter E. J. Falkner to lead the squad.

Alsup also mentioned he expects freshman 400-meter hurdler Jon Bollock to enjoy an impressive outdoor season.

The Northwest Invitational track meet will be held April 1-2 at Herschel Neil Track on the Northwest campus. Pentathlon and decathlon events will be held Friday beginning at noon.

Field events will begin Saturday at 9 a.m.

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PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Shelly MacDonald pitches during the Bearcats' first game with Truman State Monday. The 'Cats picked up the win, 1-0.



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Northwest senior Tristan Stewart slides right by the catcher to score for the Bearcats in their 8-1 victory in game two of the doubleheader. The Bearcats won their sixth straight game Tuesday as they swept conference rival Missouri Western in St. Joseph, Mo. They now host the University of Sioux Falls on Friday.

Six Straight for 'Cats

Winning streak runs to 6, full weekend ahead for Bearcats

BY JEROME BOETTCHER

NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Things for the Northwest baseball team are finally starting to turn around.

After starting the season 4-9, the Bearcats have been on fire as they won 13 of their last 16 games.

The team is currently on a six-game winning streak sweeping conference rival Missouri Western in St. Joseph Tuesday afternoon, 9-8 and 4-1.

Despite trailing 6-1 in the second inning of the first game, the 'Cats scored eight runs on 10 hits over the last six innings. Freshman Britt Westman knocked in the winning run in the top of the ninth inning to give the 'Cats the victory.

Closer Lane McKay earned the win as he kept the tying run at third base in the ninth inning and was able to get the last batter to fly out.

In the second game, starting pitcher Justin Hildebrand almost shut down the Griffons as he only allowed one run on three hits, while striking out three. It was Hildebrand's first win of the season.

Senior Drew Mettelle knocked in two runs during the game, while Newland had four hits.

The team's record now improves to 17-12 overall and 5-1 in conference play.

The Northwest baseball team avoided a major upset Monday afternoon, thanks to late-inning heroics by Mettelle.

Down 6-2 to Peru State in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Bearcats cut the score to 6-4 on a wild pitch and three hits. Then in the bottom of the seventh inning, one

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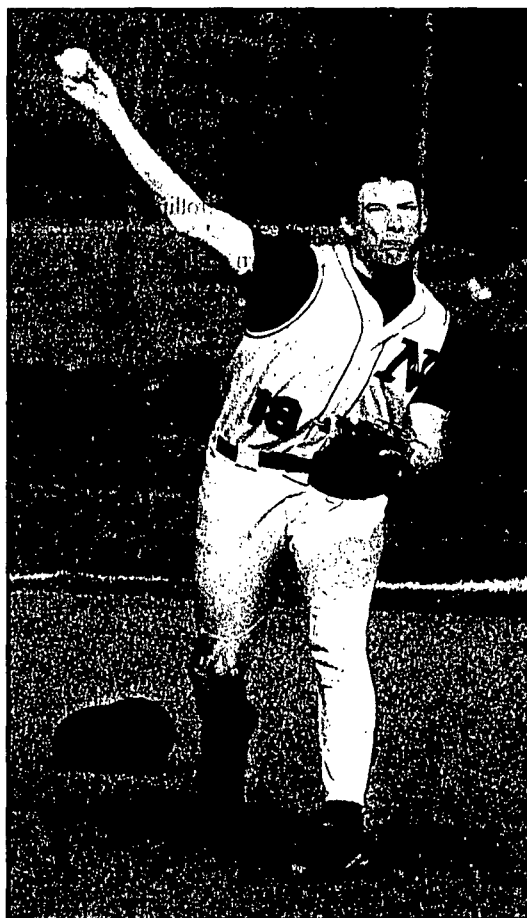


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Northwest junior Matt Coons hurries a throw to first base Monday afternoon against Peru State. Coons overcame early season injuries and played through the pain to help his team. On the mound, he helped guide Northwest to a shutout victory over nationally-ranked Emporia State.

Injury bug squashed by junior Coons

BY JEROME BOETTCHER

NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

While some baseball players might be worried about statistics and hits, Northwest baseball player Matt Coons' main priority is staying healthy.

It's not an easy thing for Coons, who endured pain after pain early in the season.

"I've got hit in the ear-hole twice and they think it gave me like a slight concussion both times," the starting pitcher and third basemen said. "The first game out down in Oklahoma I got hit in the left elbow, couldn't feel my left arm (his non-throwing arm). I couldn't really pull my arm in whenever I was throwing."

"Just little things that really make a big difference. I just wasn't able to perform like every body wanted me to. Now hopefully I'm healthy, I'll stay that way the rest of the year; help out the team."

Coons overcame the pain Saturday when he shut out the No. 14 team in the nation, Emporia State. Coons earned his first victory of the season by striking out 10 Hornet batters in the second game of the doubleheader. He gave up only two hits and no walks as the Bearcats won 11-0.

Coons also added one hit and an RBI in the team's shutout of game one in the series.

Though Coons says he is now at 100 percent healthy, the junior from Dearborn, Mo. did try to play through the pain earlier in the season. Head coach Darin Loe considers this one of Coons' stronger characteristics.

"He's very stubborn. He doesn't want to come out (of the game) but like I said, he's a hard-nosed kid that can

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Softball swept by Emporia State, UNO up next

BY BRENDAN KELLEY

NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Northwest softball team ran into a snag Tuesday as they dropped a pair to No. 8 Emporia State on the road, 4-0 and 6-0.

The Bearcats only muscled six hits during the two games and Shelly MacDonald and Lauren Lakebrink received the losses. They now fall to 17-11 on the season.

The team entered Monday's contest with MIAA powerhouse Truman State carrying a 16-9 record and looking to snag their first conference win against the 9-6 Bulldogs. The 'Cats used powerful pitching and timely hitting to win the first game and come back and tie the second game.

The 'Cats got an amazing effort from starting pitcher Shelly MacDonald in the first game of the doubleheader as she threw

a complete game shutout, giving up seven hits and striking out two in the 1-0 victory.

"It was a good game; Truman has a good team," MacDonald said. "It was a great feeling to beat Truman at home."

The 'Cats ended the first game with six hits and their lone run came off of an error, but they made the hits they did get, count.

"We came through with big hits and got our runs when we needed to," MacDonald said.

The second game appeared it would belong to the Bulldogs, as Truman State's Katie Noski hit a solo shot in the top of the first inning to give the Bulldogs a 1-0 advantage.

Truman State would pickup a second run in the fifth to move the Bulldogs ahead, 2-0. Bulldogs pitcher Loni Wedemeier had a no-hitter going into the sixth inning, when the 'Cats' Janelle Krohn hit a single and then

watched as teammate Ashley Pride smashed a shot over the centerfield wall to tie the game, 2-2.

Pride ended the second game 1-1, walking in the first and reaching on an error in the fourth.

"Ashley is known for getting the big hits," coach Susan Anderson said. "As a coach you love to see her coming up in that situation."

The 'Cats had an opportunity to win the game in the bottom of the seventh when Sarah Johnson came to the plate with two outs and Jacqui Handlos on first.

Johnson ripped a shot to right field over the fielder's head and Handlos turned on the wheels attempting to score, but the throw from right was on target; Handlos was thrown out at the plate, sending the game into extra innings.

After a scoreless eighth inning officials called the game due to darkness. The plan is to finish the game when Truman State returns to Maryville to play in the Northwest Classic tournament, April 16.

"It drives me crazy to end a game in a tie," Anderson said. "I want some closure; I want to know how this is going to end."

The 'Cats don't have any time to ponder questions as they head to the University of Nebraska-Omaha, April 2-3.

"The win gives us a lot of confidence," MacDonald said. "Now all we have to do is keep winning."

With the way the conference is shaping up early on this season, every single game could make or break a team.

"The win in the first game was huge," Anderson said. "This year's conference will be so close and any game we can get is huge."



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Northwest teammates congratulate Kyle Gallagher (second from right) after he homered during the Bearcats 8-1 victory over Peru State on Monday. Gallagher and the Bearcats swept the doubleheader and now sit at 17-12.

COONS: Bearcat pitcher brings unique style to mound

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the game," Coons said. "But in the same aspect of it, in closing all eyes are on you. You come in a tight situation and it's do or die...But it's hard to put emphasis on one over the other."

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-Drew Mettelle
Coons' teammate

Last year, Coons found himself as the closer of the team; this year Loe moved him into the rotation and Coons says he doesn't mind the switch. However, he said if he had to choose starting over closing, he wouldn't be able to decide.

"That's hard to say. I mean I love starting out game because you are going to set the tempo for the rest of

the game," Coons said. "But in the same aspect of it, in closing all eyes are on you. You come in a tight situation and it's do or die...But it's hard to put emphasis on one over the other."

Along with being the No. 2 starter, Coons plays third base when not on the mound. He currently is second on the team in top batting average with a .369 batting average.

Coons says at times it can be tiring to be constantly being pitching and hitting, but he is glad that he is out on the field.

"At times I feel like I am tired after I field two games and have to come

in to pitch but it seems to be worth it for me," he said.

When Coons isn't pitching or fielding he is said to be busy entertaining his teammates with his infamous turkey call. Coons likes to hunt during his free time and his teammates say he enjoys practicing the call on the mound.

"He does this little turkey call, it's pretty funny," teammate Drew Mettelle said. "Before he throws the pitch he does the turkey call. I think it's pretty funny. Pitchers are weird and they got their own little thing and that's his little thing."

Coons doesn't admit he has ever done it during a game, but that his teammates do give him a hard time. Loe hasn't heard the turkey call but said if it works for Coons, he hopes he continues to do it.

"Boy, I haven't heard that, but doesn't surprise me," Loe said. "He's a big outdoors guy; he's a country boy. He's just a hard-nosed kid. If he does it, if he was doing it against Emporia I hope he does it every game."

BASEBALL: Team rolls into weekend games above .500

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with two men on and one out, Mettelle hit a three-run walk-off home run to win the game for the 'Cats.

"I was just trying to put something in play, trying to score those two runs," Mettelle said. "I wasn't trying to yank or hit the ball out of the park, I was trying to take something the other way and caught the right spot of the barrel and carried it out."

Mettelle's homer was the third of the game for Northwest, as they squeaked by a Peru State team with only six wins on the season.

"We came out a little flat; we

played the name instead of the game," Mettelle said. "We saw their record, we saw they were an NAIA school. We just came out a little flat and we did well towards the end of the game."

Mark Lewis picked up his first win of the season as he pitched one and two-thirds innings.

In the second game, the 'Cats scored three runs on no hits in the first three innings. They finally managed a hit in the fourth inning when they pulled away to put the game up 6-1, going onto win 8-1.

"I really like the way we executed today," head coach Darin Loe said. "We had a lot of unselfish at-bats...That's just unselfish of

them; they could have been stepping up here and trying to hit home runs. They hit a ground ball to second base to score a run and they did their job."

Freshman Zach Weston pitched a complete game, picking up his first collegiate victory. He struck out nine batters and gave up only three hits. It marked just Weston's second start after he moved from closer to starter earlier in the season.

"I felt I could locate pretty well and when I needed a pitch made in a situation it was there," Weston said. "I just kept them off base and off-balance all day. A few balls that normally might drop, didn't drop today and it just made all the difference."

BY JIM SALTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Police and the NCAA will be watching closely for ticket scalpers—including coaches—as college basketball fans converge on St. Louis for the sport's grand event.

St. Louis is hosting the men's Final Four for the first time since 1978. The 46,688 seats at the Edward Jones Dome were sold out months ago, and with a large contingent of Illinois and Louisville fans coming—Champaign, Ill., is just 2 1/2 hours away, Louisville four hours—ticket scalping is a big concern.

Based upon past experience, some of those scalpers will be coaches. Every Division I coach has a chance to obtain tickets, and some have been known to sell them for a profit.

"I would say there has been a problem with coaches," said L.J. Wright, director of the NCAA's Division I Men's Basketball Championship. "It is a problem the basketball committee is trying to work through and deal with."

Earlier this month, Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice acknowledged scalping some of his personal ticket allotment for the Super Bowl, violating NFL rules. Wright said NCAA coaches also have been known to resell their tickets.

Sometimes, Wright said, it's an innocent mistake. A coach will decide not to attend the Final Four and will give his tickets to an acquaintance. If that acquaintance scalps the tickets, they can be traced to the coach.

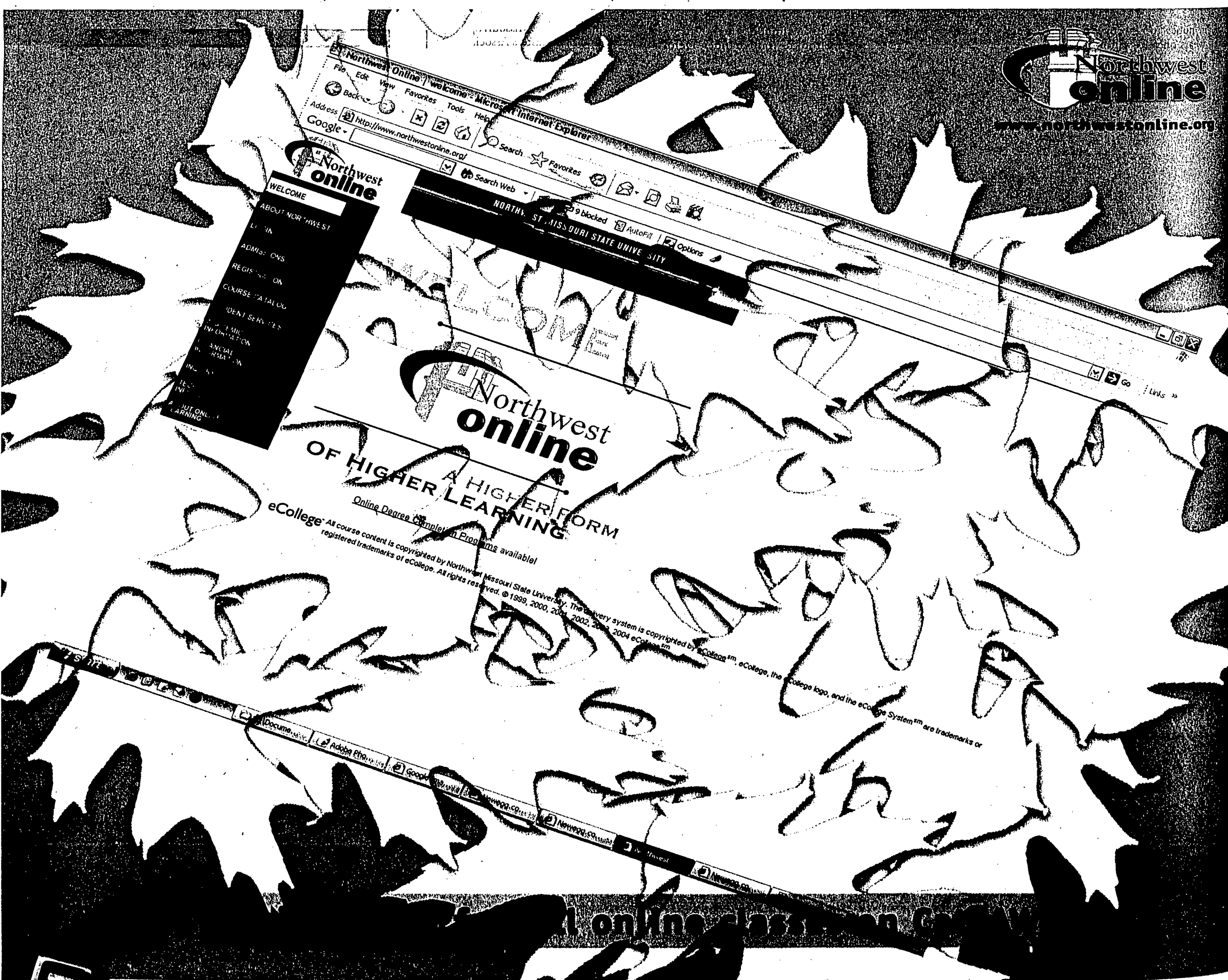
Doug Elgin, commissioner of the St. Louis-based Missouri Valley Con-

ference that helped lure the Final Four to the Gateway City, believes coaches have gotten the message and either attend the game or leave their tickets unused.

"People are not willing to take the risk of losing future ticket privileges by giving them to someone other than a trusted relative or friend," Elgin said.

Punishment for coaches caught scalping tickets is loss of ticket privileges for up to five years. It's also a crime in Missouri to resell tickets more than face value. First-time violators can face up to 15 days in jail with a third offense perhaps bringing up to a year behind bars.

Both the NCAA and St. Louis police will have undercover officers posing as ticket buyers, seeking out scalpers on the streets and at downtown hotels.



Hounds hope for change

TH HERROLD
WEST MISSOURIAN

The Maryville Spoofhounds team will take the court once this spring. They look to improve on last season, a season in which they won only one match. Maryville brings in a young player with minimal experience. "I've got a few seniors that are going for the first time," coach Robert Veasey said. "As far as playing and experience go, we're young."

Improvement will be the team's goal for this season. They look to win more than one title and also try to win some individual titles, as well as becoming

"I'M JUST BASICALLY HERE TRYING TO TEACH THESE GUYS A LIFELONG SPORT. HOPEFULLY AFTER THE SEASON IT'S JUST LIKE GOLF OR SOMETHING THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY."

-Robert Veasey
Tennis coach

They will continue to play. "Don't rule out the 'Hounds, they feel they're a team capable of sneaking up and stealing the SEC title."

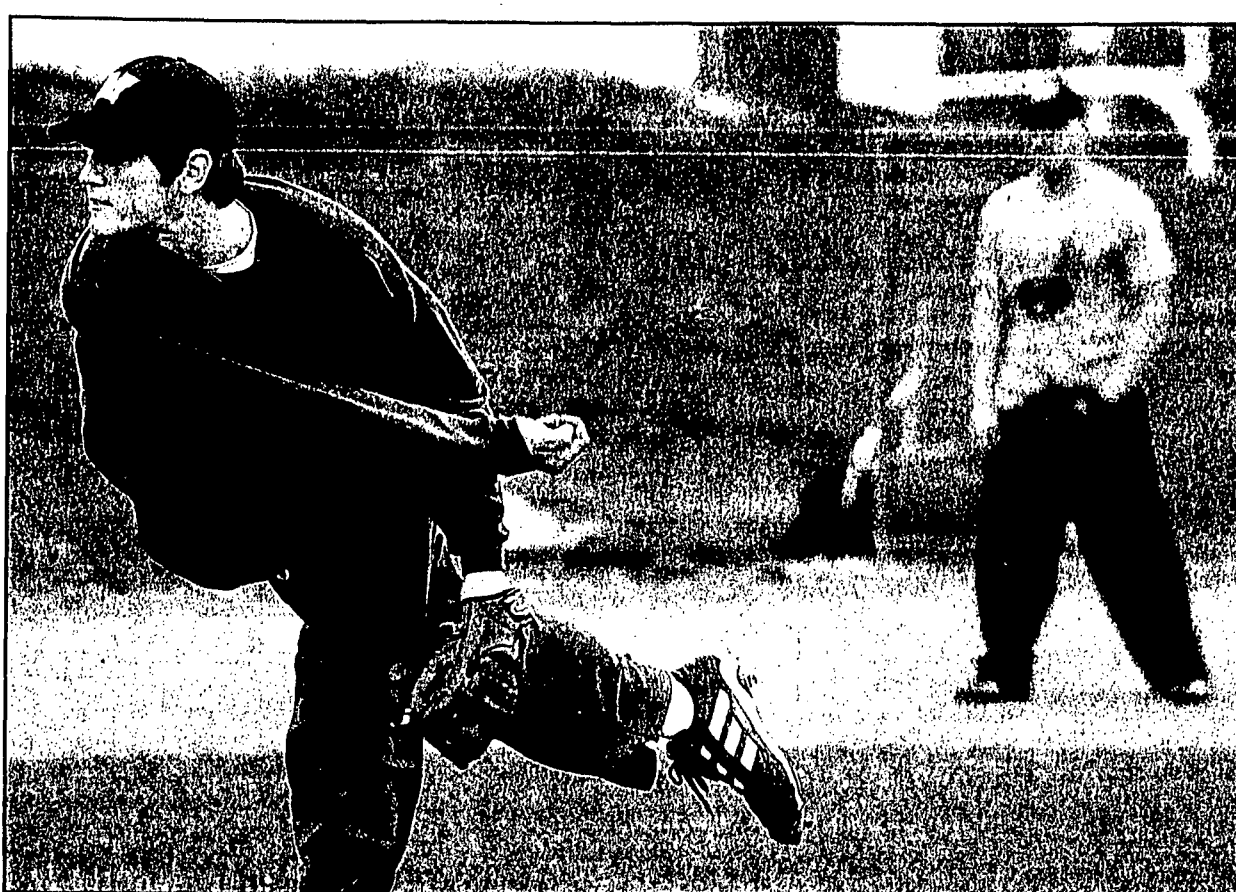
We would like to be a conference champion or a sectional champion," Veasey said. "We've got opportunities, and hopefully we'll get some team wins and individual wins as well."

The team hopes to improve as the season wears on and will look for returning players for leadership.

"I'm hoping to see some good things from the guys that were here last year," Veasey said. "Hopefully we'll see improvement from the guys we start till the time we finish with the guys who haven't had coaching."

The 'Hounds hope to show improvement toward a big picture according to Veasey.

The 'Hounds will be in action, home against LeBlond, April 5. The match is scheduled for 4:30



Senior Josh Wilmes works on perfecting his pitches at practice. Wilmes and the Spoofhounds fell 17-7 in their second game of the season against Benton. The 'Hounds will fight for their second win of the season today at Lafayette.

'HOUNDS: Team looks to rebound after loss

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at 4:30; this is a crucial game in Lohafer's view.

"We have to win," Lohafer said. "This is an important conference game."

The 'Hounds will then travel to Excelsior Springs Saturday to play Richmond and St. Pius back-to-back, at 10 a.m. and noon. Although the season is still young, the 'Hounds look forward to what the season brings.

"Some positive things could be done this season," senior Evan Wilmes said.

HOME BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Opponent	Time	Date
Savannah	4:30 p.m.	Tues. April 5
Cameron	4:30 p.m.	Thurs. April 7
Benton	4:30 p.m.	Mon. April 25
LeBlond	4:30 p.m.	Tues. April 26
Smithville	4:30 p.m.	Mon. May 3

Teams in bold indicate conference teams

Up Next: Today at Lafayette, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday at the Excelsior Springs Tournament
Monday at Savannah, 4:30 p.m.

Three Royals players optioned, including Harvey

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SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) - Ken Harvey, the Kansas City Royals' lone selection to the 2004 All-Star game, was among three players optioned Tuesday to Triple-A Omaha.

Harvey led the AL in batting early last season and was hitting .350 on June 23, but hit only .219 after that to finish the year at .287.

He hit .238 in 17 spring training games and struck out 10 times in 42 at-bats.

Instead, the Royals will keep left-handed rookie Calvin Pickering, who hit 35 homers at Omaha and seven in 122 big-league at-bats.

"Harvey has been swinging at a lot of bad pitches," manager Tony Pena said. "Harvey has not been swinging the bat well. He had a very tough time the second half of last season, and we see the same thing in spring training."

Pena also said that two rookies, third baseman Mark Teahen and second baseman Ruben Gotay, would start the season opener April 4 at Detroit.

The Royals also optioned left-hander Jimmy Gobble, who was 9-8 with a 5.35 ERA last season, and right-hander Kyle Snyder, a 1999 first-round pick who spent last season on the disabled list after shoulder surgery, to Omaha.

Pena said Snyder, who has been a starter in the minors, will be used out of the bullpen in Omaha. He was 1-0 with a 1.32 ERA in eight relief appearances.

With Gobble and Snyder going back to the minors, the Royals will keep rookie right-hander Denny Bautista as the fifth starter and right-hander Mike Wood as a long reliever.

The Royals also assigned outfielder Aaron Guiel, right-handed pitcher Kevin Appier and infielder Chris Clapinski to the minor league camp. All were non-roster invites, although Guiel was the team's opening day left fielder in 2004.

Appier said he would retire rather than go to Omaha if he does not land a big league job in the next couple of days.

Clapinski hurt his elbow and will need surgery; he will miss the season.

Pena said Emil Brown, who hit .409 with four home runs and 16 RBIs in 22 games going into Tuesday's game, will make the club as an extra outfielder.

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Sports In Brief

Wilmes named All-State

Maryville senior Josh Wilmes was honored once again Tuesday as he was a first-team selection for the All-State high school boys basketball team.

It was the second year in a row that Wilmes earned the honor. The team was compiled by the Missouri Sports-writers and Sportscasters Association.

Wilmes was the only Spoofhound recognized with the honor.

Wilmes averaged over 20 points and 10 boards per game on the season.

Soccer falls to Pirates

The Maryville girls' soccer team dropped their first game of the season as host Platte County won the game, 5-0.

This drops each squad's record to 1-1 on the year. However, Head Coach Bayo Oludaja is not worried. He feels if his team can play in the first half the way they do in the second half, there is a better chance they will win matches.

"We're somewhat nervous and I don't particularly know why," Oludaja said.

The varsity only gave up one of the five goals in the second half.

In their first game against Lafayette, they again fell behind in the first half, but their efforts to rebound were not wasted as they came away with their first victory of the season. They play again today against LeBlond.

-Aaron Nelson

Statements taint McGwire's legacy

I'll admit it, I was a Mark McGwire fan.

I remember when I first heard the Cardinals had received McGwire in a trade with the Oakland A's. It was July 31, 1997. I was excited, thinking it was what we needed to return to the World Series.

I got to see him bat before the end of the '97 season. My family and I attended a game at Busch Stadium and saw him just knock one way up in the air. The ball hung up there for awhile and I remember thinking, "Wow, this guy is going to have a great next year."

During the 1998 season, I collected all sorts of clippings from the newspapers and became obsessed with the run. McGwire was my favorite player by far, and it showed. I owned a couple McGwire jerseys, the walls of my room stood as a McGwire shrine and I tried to watch or go to any game I could.

Some of the grade schools and high schools participated in a Straight A program in which if a student was on the 'A' honor roll they received four terrace reserved tickets to a game. I, of course, did not earn the grades for it but my older sister did and received the passes.

When trying to figure out which day to pick to possibly see McGwire break the record, we thought maybe early September. And on September 8, I was there amongst the sold-out stadium crowd who saw one of the greatest records fall.

I will never forget that night. I will never forget that season. Mark McGwire is a player we will never forget.

McGwire and Sammy Sosa received praise for what they did for baseball. The home run chase of '98 will never be forgotten. Even when Barry Bonds broke McGwire's record just three summers later, there still wasn't as much hype as

that summer.

If we only knew then what we know now.

McGwire admitted it. He took a supplement drug, androstene. But it wasn't illegal then, so I brushed it off, like many others. The man brought life back to baseball and smashed records with just one swing of the bat.

I should have known something was up when McGwire retired over fax machine to ESPN in 2001. He just ran away from it all and hid for awhile. He remarried, stayed away from the media, generally living happily ever after.

Until Jose Canseco released his book, "Juiced." Canseco's book made Congress wonder what was going on in baseball, along with all the BALCO steroid hearings.

So when McGwire and five others were asked to come to a Congressional hearing on the subject two weeks ago, we all thought McGwire would just shake it off and give us the confirming answer.

But then McGwire choked.

He didn't want to talk about the past, yet it was the only thing he kept saying. All of America, especially St. Louis, was stunned. We just wanted him to tell them he didn't do it—but he wouldn't say he didn't do steroids or if he did.

The man that once stood so tall during that summer of '98, looked so small under the magnifying glass of Congress.

The giant that was once my favorite baseball player causes me to wonder if it was all worth it. Yes, I saw history, but was it tainted?

McGwire's reputation has gone out the window; now his record makes fans across the country wonder if every homer should be questionable.

There is no joy in baseball for mighty Big Mac has struck out.



Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

Different team, same result



PHOTO BY DAVID DUPREY/ASSOCIATED PRESS
North Carolina coach Roy Williams hugs player Sean May after Williams and the Tarheels defeated Wisconsin and Maryville native Zach Morley Saturday to advance to the Final Four.

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Somebody famous—who I can't name because I refuse to do any research whatsoever for this chunk of crap column—once said, "You can't go home again."

And you can't, especially if you've sold that home. People frown on that. They tend to get upset when they catch you in their bathtub using their toenail clippers to get rid of the corns on your feet. And the wife goes nuts and just starts screaming because you're wearing her beauty mask and the kids are crying and the husband's got a bat. He's screaming "Are you mad?" and you're like, "No, I'm nostalgic."

You can't go home again. I went home for spring break and I felt confused the whole time. I know what it's like to be a grandpa now. The only thing I could talk to people about was the old days. "You know, back in my day our quarters didn't have states on them. You kids are lucky. Your money's educational. The only education I ever got from money was that if you swallow a quarter, you should take it out of the roll first."

I had no idea how much changed between Christmas Break and Spring Break, because when you come back, you have to be careful what questions



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you ask. You can't assume anything is the same. For example, I ran into an old high school friend and asked her how college was. She said she wasn't going anymore. So I asked her how her boyfriend was. She said they broke up, so I asked her what time she got off work. She said, not soon enough to forget what I was like in high school.

Even your parents seem different when you return from college, and it's on purpose. They change something every time I come home, just to screw with me; it's like they try to see who can confuse me the most.

Mom is subtle about it, by changing things around the house. It's always something small I won't notice, but it still drives me nuts because I can't figure out what's different. This

time she got a new calendar. And usually a calendar wouldn't freak me out, but she put it under another, smaller calendar. It's like an optical illusion. I see March 27- March 31 on one line and then the next week down contains March 27-31. And I'm freaking out because I'm afraid I'm never going to make it to April 1.

My dad is just as sadistic. His belly gets bigger and his hairline gets smaller. It's like living with a funhouse mirror. He distorts and stretches more depending on from what angle you look at him. The other weekend, a group of geologists climbed him and started surveying his chest.

"Well, we could build a road through that forest of chest hair and put up an overpass connecting his man-breasts. And if you really want my honest opinion, then I would avoid the navel at all costs."

Dad just looked at the geologists, looked at me and started cackling. "This is you in twenty years! Muahahaha!"

You can't go home again. No way, no how. You can't go home again. Just ask Marvin Gaye.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Justice considers legality of sharing movies and music

BY TED BRIDIS
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court expressed concerns Tuesday over allowing entertainment companies to sue makers of software that allows Internet users to illegally download music and movies, questioning whether the threat of such legal action might stifle Web innovation.

During a lively argument, justices wondered aloud whether such lawsuits might have discouraged past inventions like copy machines, video-cassette recorders and iPod portable music players—all of which can be used to make illegal duplications of copyrighted documents, movies and songs.

Justice Stephen G. Breyer said the same software that can be used to steal copyrighted materials offered at least conceptually "some really excellent uses" that are legal.

Justice Antonin Scalia maintained that a ruling for entertainment companies could mean that if "I'm a new inventor, I'm going to get sued right away."

While seeming leery of allowing lawsuits, the court also appeared deeply troubled by efforts of the companies that manufacture so-called file-sharing software to encourage Internet piracy and profit from it.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy pressed a software lawyer on the question of whether profits from trafficking in stolen property can rightfully be used to help finance a young technology business. "That seems wrong to me," he said.

Two lower courts have sided with the software makers, Grokster Inc. and StreamCast Networks. How the justices rule could redefine how consumers can watch television shows and films and listen to songs that increasingly are delivered in digital formats.

Supporters of file-sharing technology say a ruling against the software companies could effectively give the entertainment industry a legal veto over up-and-coming gadgets; they fear the threat of expensive lawsuits could hamper development of new devices.

The case has star power on both sides. Don Henley, Sheryl Crow, the Dixie Chicks and other musicians are backing the major recording labels, saying their livelihoods are threatened if millions of people can obtain their songs for nothing.

About 20 independent recording artists, including musician and producer Brian Auger, rockers Heart and rapper-activist Chuck D, support the file-sharing technology. They say it allows greater distribution of their music and limits the power of huge record companies.

Regardless of the outcome, it still won't be legal to download copyrighted materials over the Internet without permission, though tens of millions of computer users do so each day. And any ruling won't affect thousands of copyright lawsuits filed individually against Internet users caught sharing music and movies online.

A victory for the entertainment

companies would allow lawsuits that could drive companies that make file-sharing software out of business. It also would effectively overturn rules that have governed technology companies for more than two decades: Manufacturers can't be sued for copyright violations committed by customers using their products illegally.

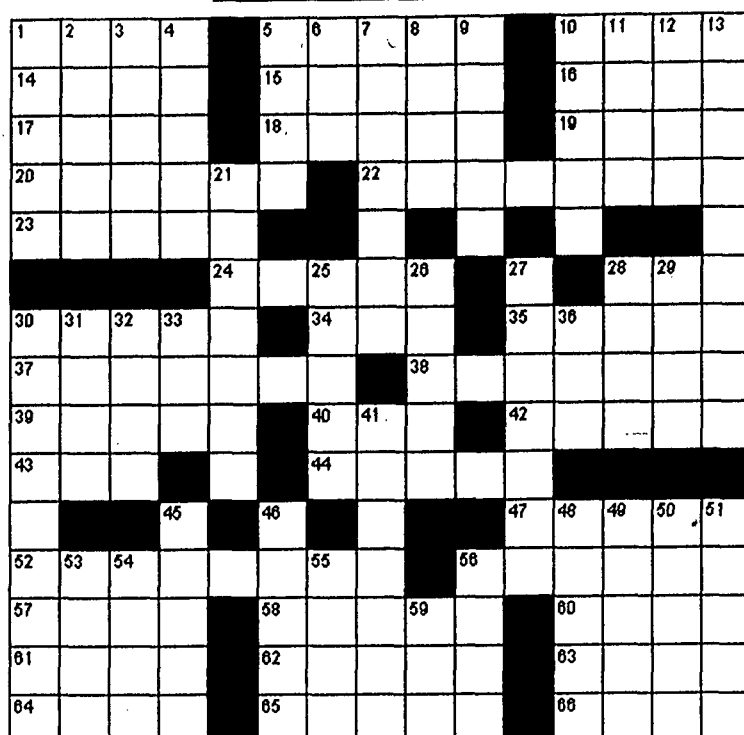
Dan Glickman, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, said the film industry will keep trying to get consumers to buy legal digital movies. "Consumers want a legal, hassle-free, reasonable-cost way to get their products online," he said in an interview Monday with editors from The Associated Press.

The entertainment companies face an uphill battle with the high court.

The trial judge and a U.S. appeals court quoted the Supreme Court in ruling the same file-sharing software millions of people use to steal music and movies also can be used for "substantial" legal purposes, such as giving away free songs, free software or government documents. They reasoned that gave the software's manufacturers protection from copyright lawsuits based on acts by their customers.

The trial court in Los Angeles and San Francisco-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit based their decisions on the 1984 Supreme Court "Betamax" case. The justices ruled Sony Corp. couldn't be sued for copyright infringement if some customers used their VCRs to make illegal copies of movies.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Strikes
5. Celestial body
10. Abbreviated abbreviation
14. Exclude
15. Alert
16. Function
17. Goo
18. Male name
19. Rake
20. Female name
22. Remote
23. Exchange
24. Fermented fruit juices
28. Document
30. Dice game
34. Slippery

Down

3. (3,2)
52. Sideways
56. Secondary pipe
57. Vex
58. Horse harnessed alongside a vehicle's shaft
60. Hawaiian dance
61. Send forth
62. Female given name
63. Chinese gelatin
64. Debutantes
65. Elude
66. Borders
1. Fowl shelter
2. Love affair
3. Open Italian pie
4. Place
5. City in NW France
6. Operating late at

- night
7. Afternoon performance
 8. Near-Earth asteroid
 9. Male voice
 10. Marshal
 11. Start
 12. Low in spirits
 13. Train again (2-7)
 21. Paperboy
 25. Destitute
 26. Streamlined
 27. Mortally
 28. Manure
 29. Grampus
 30. Made a confusion of noises
 31. Hoar
 32. Consanguine
 33. Greek god of forests
 36. Naught
 41. Sang by changing between falsetto and normal voice
 45. Confronts
 46. Effaced
 48. Hebrew dry measure
 49. Appraise
 50. The Muslim world
 51. Persons of great authority
 53. 10-year prison sentence
 54. Pat
 55. Musical composition for one
 56. Scottish slope
 59. Engineer (abbrev)

See answers below.

On the edge

Random Facts

- The word "curfew" is derived from an old French word that means "cover fire." In Europe during the Middle Ages, a curfew was a metal cone or shield used to put out the hearth fire in the evening. The word "curfew" came to mean the end of day's activities.
- A 42-foot sperm whale has about 7 tons of oil in it.
- In the Middle English, the word "minister" meant "lowly person." It was originally adopted as a term of humility for men of the church.
- The planet Saturn is named after the Roman god of seedtime harvest.
- The Olympic symbol is made of five interlocking rings, standing for the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and North America.
- At a jet plane's speed of 1,000 mph (620 miles) per hour, the length of the plane becomes an atom shorter than its original length.
- The man who invented shorthand was John Gregg, who

McGraw, Evans headline Country Music Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Tim McGraw, Big & Rich and Sara Evans have joined the list of performers for the 40th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards.

CBS will broadcast the awards show live from Las Vegas on May 17. McGraw leads this year's nominees with six, while Big & Rich are up for three awards and Evans for two.

Besides entertainer of the year,

McGraw is nominated for top male vocalist, single of the year, song of the year, album of the year and video of the year. He also gets producer credits in two of those categories.

Most of his nominations stem from his hit single "Live Like You Were Dying," a song about living life to its fullest that McGraw says has special meaning because his father, former Mets and Phillies relief pitcher

Tug McGraw, died of cancer last year. Big & Rich, first-time nominees, are nominated for top new artist, vocal duo and video of the year. Evans is nominated for top female vocalist and album of the year.

McGraw, Big & Rich and Evans join previously announced performers Alan Jackson, Toby Keith, Reba McEntire, George Strait, the Judds and Dolly Parton, who announced Monday.

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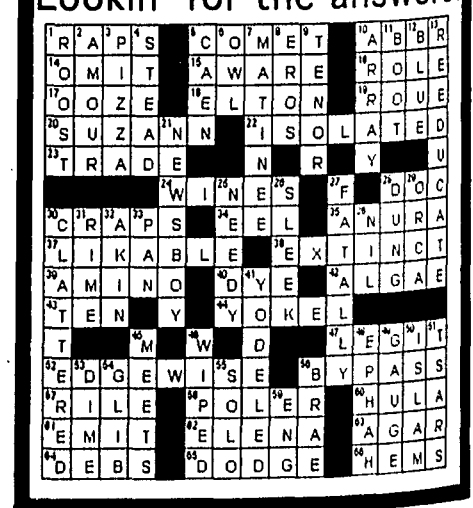
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Maryville selected for State School

Site unknown for school, square a buzz with people

Since 1874, the people of north-west Missouri worked to develop a State Normal School bringing teacher training to the area. Although the first bills to create a normal school in northwest Missouri failed, the state approved the creating the Fifth District Normal School thirty years later, in 1906.

The people of Maryville worked to establish the city as the site for a new school when they heard about the first legislation in 1874 and continued to work up to the site of the Normal School Selection Commission in 1906. The people banded together to make the county seat of Nodaway County the site for a new school.

When the people of Maryville learned the commission's visit in Savannah included a nighttime banquet Friday night, they realized the commission would have to board a midnight train to Stanberry and then take a 4:00 a.m. train to Maryville.

The people of Maryville thought the inconvenience of the train schedule would dissuade the men of the commission from selection, so they arranged for a special train to carry the men directly to Maryville after the end of their inspection of Savannah.

Many historians and citizens agreed this act secured Maryville as the site for the Fifth District Normal School because the people showed their fervor for education and their willingness to work cooperatively for the future of north-west Missouri.

The citizens of Maryville greeted the inspection committee the

evening of July 28, 1906, and continued to introduce inspectors to the community during the next two days.

The Saturday tour began with a demonstration of the electric light plant and showed the commission a switch turned on that set off a whistle and turned on all the lights in town.

When the commission returned to the hotel in the afternoon, someone mentioned the inspectors had not seen the fire department, so one of the men made a call and the department rushed to the hotel immediately.

The inspection committee finished their visit and left Sunday morning for two other potential sites before sending their decision to the governor.

August 4, 1906, Gov. Joseph W. Folk announced the commission's selection of Maryville as the site for the new Normal school and the process of education began.

At the opening ceremony for the first day of classes June 13, 1906, school president Frank Deerwester instructed the men and women to remember they came to the school to work. The Fifth District Normal School was a reality.

B.B outlook good for winning team Experienced players begin practice

Schedule arranged at Kansas City

Basket Ball season has started. With a crash and a bang the men are hard on the trail of the old pill. Pep began to accumulate with the speech President Richardson made in the gym Monday afternoon. Tuesday afternoon practice

started in earnest. Two last year men are out again and with beginning of the next term more are expected.

The prospects for a winning team are good. Charlie Wells and Jay Puckett are back and the two Sawyers boys are expected soon. Then there are Pickens, Kirby, Webb, Steiger, Boatman, Ferguson, Mapel and many other aspirants for the coveted positions.

Coach Rice went to Kansas City Saturday for a meeting with the other College coaches when they will prepare the schedule for the coming season.

Now fellows, let's all come out for the team. Get the season started with lots of pep. Fifteen rahs! For the Coach, the squad, the faculty and the school. Get some pep. Hit the Ball. Pep! Pep! Pep!

Work on Field Suspended

As no more money is available for the new athletic field, work has been discontinued until next spring.

Somewhat more than two-thirds of the grading has been done. The tile for the drainage is already on the field.

Come to a party Friday Night

The Christmas party to be held in the library, Friday evening, Dec. 17, promises to be one of the most

enjoyable social events of the year.

A good time is being provided for each person. There will be various kinds, dancing and other amusements. The entertainment will be varied and will appeal to all in some way.

The Library will be gaily decked and a merry time is anticipated.

Students, faculty and wives of married men of the faculty are cordially invited. Let not one of them miss this opportunity to enjoy an evening of wholesome fun and Christmas cheer.

Freshman have new reporter

Hattie Jones has been elected to represent the class on the Courier Staff. Jack Rowlett has resigned in order to not carry excess work this quarter.

Little Pepper win

In the game between the Little Peppers and the Greens, last Wednesday. The Greens were defeated 13-18.

The first number of a series of articles written by Mr. Miller will appear in the January number of the Missouri School Journal. It is entitled "Thought Comprehension in Reading"

The Stroller.

The Stroller had such a good time at the senior party that she has been feeling too independent to stroll much among the common herd this week because she met so many of the notables of the land. If the local campaign committees had known what a pull the sponsors had with the candidates they would have insisted on a public meeting. But the secret was kept so the seniors alone had the privilege of meeting Harding, Cox, Hyde, Atkinson, President Wilson and many other famous speakers. Ask any senior where the candidates and, they have inside information.

The party was unique as to refreshments too but the senior president is equal to any emergency even to furnishing the cash for eats.

As the Stroller was going down Main St., one afternoon last week he saw an army officer accost Mr. Griffin. Much to the Stroller's surprise, Mr. Griffin came smartly to attention and replied in a frightened voice. Evidently he was thinking of past experiences; wonder what they were.

The Stroller was informed that one of the faculty ladies was heard to laugh aloud at assembly last week, he does not know if it is true because he was snorting most of the time himself but any-

way she thinks it all right because no one except a chronic grouch could refrain from hearty laughter and the Stroller thinks a chronic grouch should be treated with as little respect as a flu germ or a Bolshevik.

Dr. Keller told the Stroller he thought Mr. Rugg did not give his wife a fair show by using up 40 minutes and only leaving her 10. Hurrah for Dr. Keller, we believe in equal rights too.

The Stroller is willing to bet that the Eureka girls will all be on the side lines yelling for the Bearcats. Why? Well the other day he saw Edith Holt and Olivette Godsey laughing so loud in the library that he was sure they would get called down. So she sneaked over and peeked over their shoulders and saw that they had a letter from Jack Bland in which he asked them to select some good looking blonde who was a Eureka as his proxy on the side lines. There are so many good looking girls in the society that we predict there will be plenty of proxies.

The other day while visiting in the kindergarten, the Stroller heard a small youngster deliver the following:

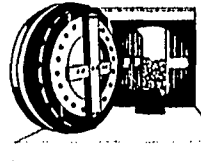

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Eating curds and whey
Along came a spider
And sat down in some cider.

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MARYVILLE WAS NOTIFIED THAT IT WOULD BE THE SITE OF THE SCHOOL

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FIRST SCHOOL PRESIDENT NAMED

Frank Deerwester was selected as the first president. He came to Maryville from Warrensburg, Mo. He graduated from Butler College and from the Normal School in Warrensburg. He held the A.B. degree from New York University; performed special work in psychology at Haryard; studied at the University of Chicago.

TORNADO HITS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The disaster occurred on a Saturday afternoon and the only person in the building was President Ira Richardson. He made a narrow escape before the windows in his office were blown out and particles of shattered glass landed on his desk where he had been sitting. The roof was also torn off the building; cost for the repairs was \$13,616.

SCHOOL GROWS LARGER QUICKLY

There were 17 student organizations, 16,829 library books, 400 women and 209 men enrolled. The art club was the oldest organization. It was organized by Olive S. DeLuce, head of the art department. The club sponsored many art projects in the college including art exhibits and trips to museums, galleries and other places of art interest.

GYMNASIUM OPENS AND DEDICATED

When the construction started, progress was halted due to a lack of funds. If the building was to sit not having a roof, there would be even greater damage. The Board of Regents asked the architect and construction company to continue their work.

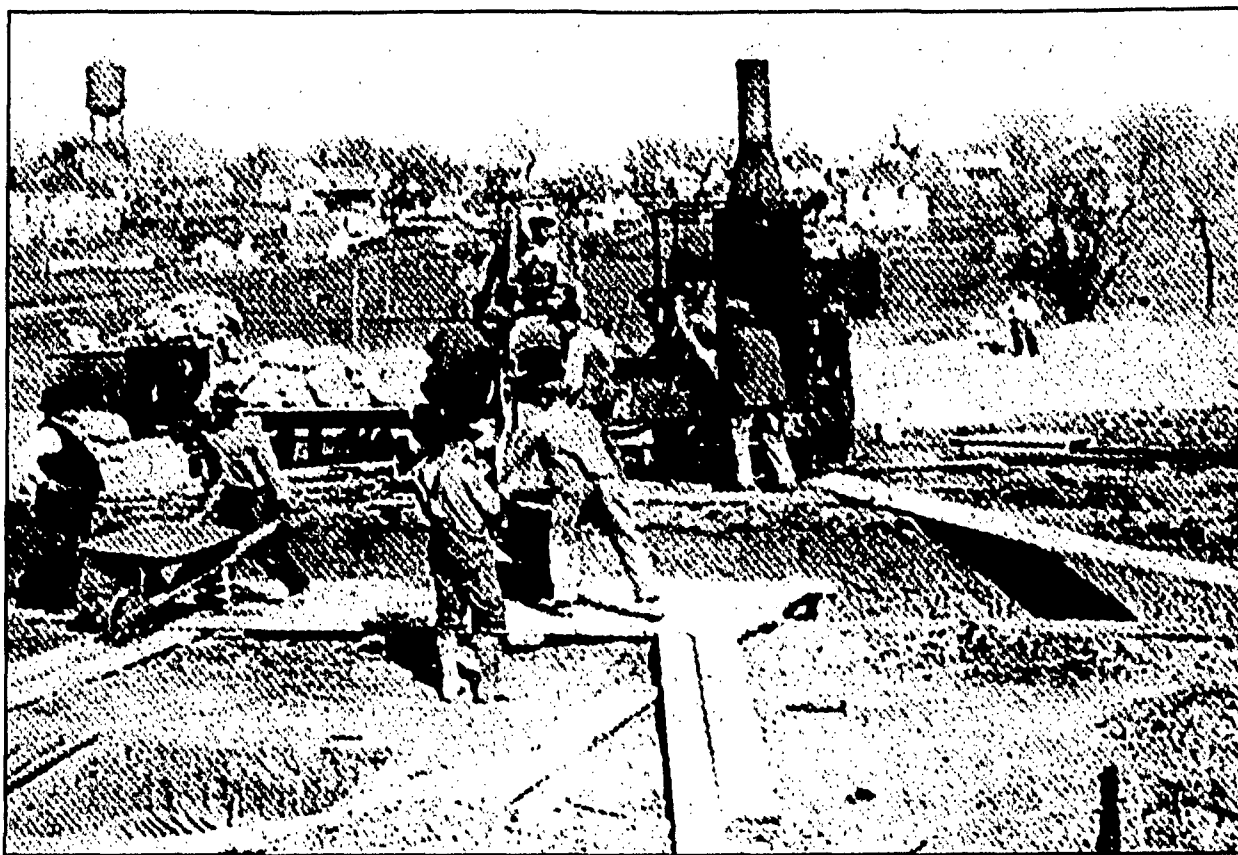


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Administration building goes up

Tower Yearbook

Among the trees, buildings and concrete pathways of the campus stood the tall, four-towered structure of the Administration Building. With its roots planted firmly in Northwest history, the building served as both a memory of past tradition and a symbol of change and adaptation.

The first cornerstone to the Administration Building was laid Oct. 12, 1907. Work was halted Sept. 24, 1908, due to lack of funds, and for nearly one year the top of the walls were covered with canvas. The first chapel exercised was held in the Administration Building Oct. 3, 1910, and it was on eof the only buildings at Northwest Missouri State Teachers College.

The Administration Building continued to house the majority of classes for many years. However, as specialized buildings were constructed, such as the Garrett-

The Administration Building served as a symbol of pride and tradition.

Strong Science Building in the late 1960's, entire departments started to vacate the structure. As departments cleared out, administrative offices filtered in, giving the building more of a businesslike quality.

As the 1970's came to an end, tragedy struck the Administration Building. On the night of July 24, 1979, a fire broke out on the fourth floor. The fire, thought to be caused by electrical failure, spread rapidly across the top floor and engulfed the Frank Deerwester Theatre.

Virgil Albertini and his wife, Dolores, were just finishing up the text of the

Northwest history book, Towers in the Northwest when the theater collapsed in an explosion of fire.

"A number of people said to us, 'Well there's another chapter in your book'," Dolores said.

With the loss of a facility to showcase celebrities, the theatre department lost its largest performance arena. The theater has begun renovation at the time of the fire, and it was 70 percent complete when the structure burned.

The fire gave the Administration Building yet another east to change, and state funding provided the resources for reconstruction. The Frank Deerwester Theatre would not return to the historic structure, but offices and a few classrooms stayed in the building. The fourth floor classrooms were the only thing that did not return to their original location.

University gets identity, mascot

Brent Chappelow

Red and white became the colors when the school opened in 1906, and banners of the same colors decked the town when they laid the cornerstone of the Administration Building in 1907.

However, in 1910 students decided a change of colors was necessary because Maryville High School also had red and white as their identity. Hettie M. Anthony of the Domestic Science department and Frank Zimmerer of the Art department suggested green and white.

In the fall of 1910, the school adopted its current colors: green and white and pennants, rings and pins with the new colors were ready in the spring, but the school had no mascot. When the Normal School's basketball team arrived in Springfield to take on Drury College in January of 1916, they were

come from that game with a new mascot. "Hello, Walter," Springfield coach Dan Nee said to Normal coach Walter Hanson. "Have you got your fighting bearcats keyed up for the big game tonight?"

The unique name stuck with the school, and students and faculty members cheered the football team that fall by yelling "Eat 'em up, Bearcats."

House dates back before the Bearcats

Tower Yearbook

The Gaunt house dated back to Pre-Bearcat days. It was built for Capt. Thomas Gaunt and his family in 1870. Gaunt, a horticulturist, came to Maryville in search of suitable ground to cultivate a nursery. At the turn of the century, contractors bought the brick house with an iron fence on 20 acres of land for \$1,200. Their intention was to expand the State Normal School of Maryville.

In 1906, President Frank Deerwester was the first University official to move into the Gaunt House. As a project to improve the State Normal School of Maryville, he began with Capt. Gaunt's land.

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STRING OF FACULTY SALARY CUTS BEGAN

A string of faculty salary cuts began. It started with a 20 percent decrease of one month's salary and continued with a 1.5 percent cut of the annual salary. When it came time for regular salary cuts, everyone, including the president, suffered. It was nearly two years before a finance committee instructed the Board of Regents to restore the faculty salaries in full as soon as the College budget would permit.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARRIVE

Two Philippine girls were admitted to Northwest with their tuition waived. They were invited by President Uel W. Lamkin in order to bring foreign-speaking students to the campus. One year later, the first foreign speaking student graduated from the college: Virginia Benitez was from Manila, Philippine Islands.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE FOR END OF WAR

"Extra!" of the Northwest Missourian came out at 8:15 a.m. to call a special assembly to announce that D-Day had closed the war in Europe. The Board of Regents accepted the resignation of President Uel W. Lamkin to take effect Dec. 1. Dr. J.W. Jones was to succeed him.

BELL GIVEN AND RANG FOR FIRST TIME

The class of 1948 rang its class gift, "The Bell of '48," for the first time at 7:45 a.m. The bell was rung on Walkout Day or when a student, faculty, or staff member died. "Memorial Stadium" was named to honor the men and women who served in world wars.

LARGE CROWD GATHERS FOR PARADE

There were an estimated 12,000 people at the Homecoming parade. Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity members watched helplessly as their float caught fire and burned to the ground.

Bearcats complete fine grid season

Published December 1, 1931

Team Captured M.I.A.A. Title and Finished Year Without a Defeat or Tie.

With the winning of the Warrensburg game 12 to 0, on Thanksgiving Day, the 1931 Bearcat football season came to a close. The curtain dropped on perhaps the most successful season ever seen by a Bearcat eleven, a season in which an M.I.A.A. championship was won, a season in which only one opponent

Bearcats goes undefeated in football for the first time.

crossed the Maryville goal line, and a season in which the best defensive record of any college or university team in the United States this year was established.

In rambling through the pages, we find that Coaches Davis and Iba had nearly unsurmountable difficulties to overcome when the season began. In the first place, football spirit was shy at M.S.T.C. Championships were rather unknown, and since Kirksville had twice won when victory was practically in the grasp of the Bearcats, little hope was at first held for overcoming the powerful Bulldogs this season. Then, there were several

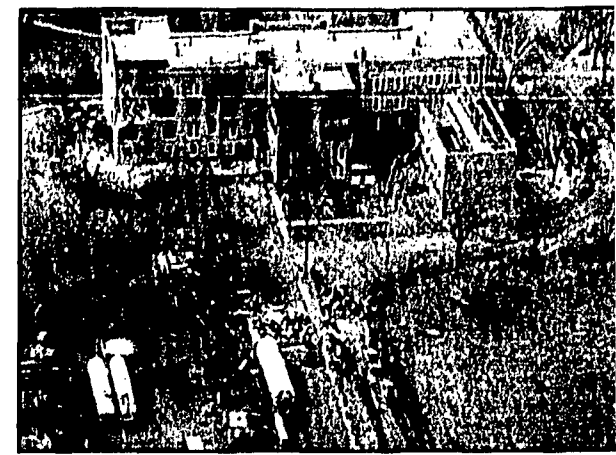


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Student Union built on campus

Published February 15, 1951

By the time "Pomp and Circumstance" drift across the this spring for graduation ceremonies, a wing on an addition to the college, new dorm and Union planned.

Program necessity as enrollment increases beyond capacity of the college, new dorm and Union planned.



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nounced that a date for letting the contracts may be set March 20, when the board of regents meets.

Plans are being drawn up first for the Residence Hall wing and the addition to the men's quadrangle. Mr. Boschen feels that this order will be of great assistance in determining the size of the student union building.

The addition to the girls' dormitory will be a wing extending northeast from the dining hall. Approximately fifty new accommodations will be made.

The building at the men's quadrangle will complete plans made years ago for six buildings. The new construction will be the south building, opposite of what is now known as Quadrangle Number Five. Housing for fifty men will be provided.

Plans for the student union are in progress, but as yet no definite announcements as to its location have been stated.

Falling in line with the new constructions, and as a direct result, is the enrollment of students at Northwest Missouri State. It is because of the increasing number of students that additional buildings are necessary.

Explosion rips through dorm

Published April 28, 1951

At approximately 12:10, early Saturday morning, Residence Hall was rocked by an explosion which shook the whole community. The blast, which has been reported to have been seen seventy miles away, sent flames shooting throughout the south wing of the girls' dormitory, but within a matter of seconds men were arriving to aid the stricken.

The sole fatality was Roberta Steel, a student from St. Joseph. She died as a result of her injuries in 1952.

Girls fled from their rooms down smoky halls to fire escape exits and to the main door. A few were helped from the lower floor windows.

Despite the terrific confusion, many girls reacted calmly. Only a few were helped from the dormitory, and the building was evacuated in an amazingly few minutes.

First aid and relief headquarters were set up in President J.W. Jones' home for those suffering from shock and minor cuts and burns.

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NO WALKOUT DAY; NEW HIGHRISES

No Walkout Day? The tradition was changed because the student event would occur in the spring and would not return to its traditional fall time until 1977. The two seven-story dorms, known as the high-rises, opened and students moved in for the scheduled fall semester. The men's hall was called Phillips Hall.

WOMEN GET CURFEW LIVING IN DORMS

All women students living in dorms were required to be in their rooms by 11:30 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday, Fridays and Saturday's curfew was 1 a.m. The men had no restricted hours, and all male students under 21, except for freshmen, could live off-campus in approved housing with adult supervision, but they had to keep the same disciplinary regulations as those living in the dorms.

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BEGIN

Three major construction projects began on campus: an addition to Martindale Gymnasium, the renovation to the Administration Building's fourth floor and the air conditioning of Colden Hall. It was speculated that Colden was to be cooled off but it didn't happen until two years later.

STREAKING COMES TO NORTHWEST

In the early days of March, a new fad called streaking and the "bare running at high speed" syndrome hit the campus. On the night of March 4, two male students, wearing only hats and shoes, streaked from the Wesley Center to Wells Library. It happened again that night when 12 men in ski masks and shoes, streaked in front of Millikan Hall. Altogether 35 males streaked that night and attracted over 250 onlookers. This week became known as Streak Week.

UNIVERSITY HIT BY DISASTERS

The month of July would not be remembered as a great month in Northwest history. The University was the victim of three natural disasters, all within an eight-day period. July 16, early in the morning, the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building was damaged from high winds and rain. Wells Library received its fair share of damage the same morning. Eight days later, July 24, the most damage was caused when the Administration Building caught fire.

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Administration Building burns

Published July 27, 1979

Sweeping flames and smoke raged through the Administration building at approximately 8 p.m. Tuesday, causing extensive damage to the building.

According to Roger Stricker, director of public safety, the Maryville fire department received the call for assistance shortly after 8 p.m. Stricker arrived on the scene approximately 1 1/2 minutes later and observed the fire that was located in the attic area of the building.

"We had the fire pretty well contained around 2 a.m. But the fire was not totally extinguished until about 4 a.m.," said Stricker.

"We only had a three-stage ladder that extends up to 27 feet," said Stricker. "We were obviously at a disadvantage because we couldn't reach the top of the fire."

Another problem firemen encountered was the fact that a Maryville fire truck got stuck in the new sod in the front of the Administration



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Fire departments called out included Burlington Junction, Conception, Parnell and St. Joseph.

Building. With the help of several volunteers, they were able to get the truck out and hooked up to the hydrant.

"The main trouble was water pressure. It was very low on the first floor and it got worse as we went up," said Stricker. "That's why we had to get the men out of the building. However, the spectators stayed back out of the way pretty well."

Wednesday afternoon, fire officials narrowed down the place where the fire originated to be an electrical area in an air conditioning unit.

President B.D. Owens, who was on the scene throughout the entire fire, said, "We're lucky because we have a good backup system in case fire in the Administration Building. The most important documents and records are kept in bank vaults and the procedure is planned well so when there is a fire, everything is removed systematically to a different building."

Owens said classes and university offices would continue as close to normal as possible.

"That's the great thing about a higher institution like this," said Owens. "It is able to keep going on schedule the next day."

Bill signed to change name from college to university

Published April 28, 1972

Governor Warren E. Hearns last Thursday signed into law a bill giving authorization to the Board of Regents of Northwest Missouri State College to change the schools name to Northwest Missouri State University.

The action followed passage of identical bills by the Missouri House and Senate. The House passage was March 5 and the measure was sent to Governor Hearns for his signature.

In discussing the college name change, Dr. Robert Foster, MSC president, termed the measure "a natural development in the evolution of this institution." The change is one in name only, however; it will make little difference in the operation of this institution, according to President Foster.

The legislation results in the third name change since the Maryville school was founded in 1905.

KDLX helps initiate KXCV

Published October 9, 1970

The KDLX staff has assumed a new responsibility of guiding in the new sister station KXCV-FM.

KDLX-AM remains the campus confined station. Its signal will continue to go to all dorms and the Union. Programming will remain essentially rock and contemporary tunes, plus easy listening music. Also included will be sportscasting, editorials, specials and the KDLX-AM is a student station voice of and for the students.

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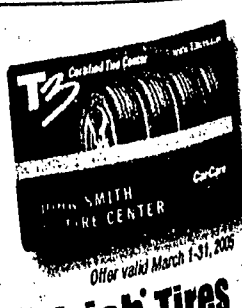
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STUDENTS PROTEST TO MARYVILLE

Eighty-four students gathered at the Bell Tower in protest to Maryville housing jobs, laws and discrimination. The protestors made their way to the courthouse lawn, where students passed out pamphlets and shared opinions. The protest did not gain the town people's apathy, but students felt a sense of satisfaction.

COLLEGES REDUCED AT UNIVERSITY

The number of colleges was reduced from six to four, which caused several departments to move or be combined with other departments. This proved to be chaotic with the adjustments that had to be made as deans and faculty members learned to deal with new people, areas and ways of doing things.

NORTHWEST BECOMES ELECTRONIC CAMPUS

Officially became the first Electronic Campus in Missouri. The \$3.1 million integrated system provided computer terminals in every residence hall room and faculty office. Over 2,000 terminals were purchased from Digital Equipment Corporation and Micro-Term, Inc. Some of the features of these computers included word processing, spreadsheet and statistical analysis and an online encyclopedia which allowed students to find library materials from their residence rooms. The system also provided personal services such as calendars, telephone directories, job and scholarship listings and electronic mail.

PARKING TICKETS FEES RISE

The fine amount for parking tickets raised from \$5 to \$20 dollars. The World Famous Outback opened. It was a dream of four Northwest students to open a bar in Maryville that would truly depict college nightlife. Although there were several taverns in town, there were not any good "college" bars.

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Fraternity house in ruins

November 21, 1996

The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity lost more than a house and some belongings Saturday night—it also lost decades of memories.

A blaze ignited the house, 222 W. Cooper, at 10:50 p.m. Saturday, officials said. It began in a vacant room on the third floor and eventually spread throughout that floor and partially onto the second.

Although the fire troubled firefighters until well into the morning and engulfed a significant portion of the house, no casualties occurred.

Throughout the week the organization continues to deal with the fire that ruined their home and destroyed memories of the turn-of-the-century home.

Ben Haskamp, TKE member, was the first of the occupants to catch the signals of the fire. He and Tracy Bottoms, new member educator, flushed the house of the three other occupants and called 911 shortly after.

Joe Brannen, chapter president, was awakened by Bottoms and rushed out of the house, without clear knowledge of what was going on.

"Next thing I know I was outside," Brannen

said. "I rounded the corner of the house and flames were already shooting out of one of the windows."

Public Safety officers arrived to the scene in minutes, while the first pumper began combating the fire 60 seconds later.

Lt. Phil Rickabaugh, Maryville Public Safety fire division, lives only a block from the fraternity house and realized this fire would be devastating.

"I knew right then when I walked out my door that we had a pretty good working fire on our hands," Rickabaugh said.

In the initial attack, firefighters took a pump into the house, attempting to slow the fire from the interior. But after reaching as far as the second floor landing, the two-crew members backed out in care of personal danger.

"We sent a team inside for an interior attack to try to go up and distinguish the fire," Rickabaugh said. "Conditions were just too dangerous, too much heat and fire so they had to back out."

Murder shocks campus

April 27, 1995

Research shows it takes more than 100 muscles in the mouth to frown — Karen L. Hawkins did not use many of these muscles according to those who knew her. Hawkins was known on campus as an individual with one distinct characteristic — her smile.

Hawkins' smiles were ended forever with her death early Friday morning in Maryville.



Karen L. Hawkins

Her father, Charles Hawkins, former accounting professor at Northwest, and his wife Jacki had eight children. Karen, the youngest, graduated from Maryville High School and was a senior accounting major at Northwest. She was planning to graduate in December.

"I never saw her without a smile," said Russ Northup, marketing and management instructor. "She was an active student and an aggressive learner."

"She was always busy," her mother said, recalling her many activities in high school such as pompon, art club, band and others. Hawkins was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and Accounting Society at Northwest.

"She didn't lose sight of her good friends when she joined the sorority," said Lori Bradshaw, senior accounting major and Maryville High School graduate.

Bradshaw and Hawkins were planning to take the Certified Public Accountant course together in the fall in Kansas City.

Amie Blackburn, senior accounting major and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, recalled the kind of student Hawkins was.

"If she didn't understand the question," Blackburn said, "she was the first one calling around on the phone to figure out how to work the problem."

Blackburn said spending time studying together brought Karen and herself closer together within Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Other Tri Sig members remembered Hawkins for her nervous twitch, her trusting personality and her enjoyment for life.

"She was always happy," said Brooke Bochner, president of Sigma Sigma Sigma. "If things didn't go her way, she wouldn't let it get her down. She was very strong-willed."

Becky Vacek, member of Sigma Sigma Sigma and Hawkins' goddaughter in the sorority, said Karen liked to have fun and was very free-spirited.

"She didn't stick to just one specific group of people," Vacek said. "She had a lot of friends from a lot of different groups."

Members of all groups are trying to overcome the loss of Hawkins. Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority is "pulling together, turning to all the sisters," as one member said.

Memorial services Wednesday showed the large number of friends and family in the community. As individuals stood on the sides and in the back of the church, many wept about stories told by her uncle, Jesse Hawkins, and preacher, Ray Brazier.

Eleven members of Sigma Sigma Sigma recited the song "St. Elmo's Fire," bringing tears to many.

Two other members spoke about Hawkins' importance in Sigma Sigma Sigma. They said the values of the sorority are the values Hawkins lived by and the sorority would miss her.

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"The purpose of the Stroller has remained the same in the last 80+ years; to be the pulse of the student body, to observe from a student's viewpoint what's going on around campus, in human nature, on events and situations and on experiences as a college student," Laura Widmer, director of student publications, said.

The Stroller started Jan. 8, 1918, which a headline in

The Green and White Courier reading, "The Stroller has come." Since then, the mysterious campus tradition has walked through the history of Northwest, offering tidbits of wisdom and words of advice to his loyal followers.

The Stroller was not the first anonymous columnist at Northwest. The Office Cat and The Lady in the Upstairs Window were the first to secretly express their views through the campus newspaper.

This criticism has not always been welcomed through. There have been many attempts to rid the column, the first was in the fall of 1922.

A new faculty adviser who did not realize the importance of the Stroller and a new editor who wished to try something different omitted the column.

It reappeared Oct. 25 with an explanation of his absence: "The Stroller didn't intend to come to college this year, but when he heard the uproar his absence caused, he dropped everything and took the first train for Maryville and took up his old job of walking the corridors and running the school generally."

When

The Green and White Courier changed its name to *The Northwest Missourian* Sept. 27, 1926, the Stroller continued to wander throughout the pages of the newspaper.

Several attempts were made to remove the Stroller from the campus; but each was unsuccessful. Greek organizations seem to be among the most vocal about getting rid of the column, although ironically there seemed to be more complaints during the periods when the Stroller — unknown to his peers — was Greek.

Published October 5, 1949

Stroller - Strolling

Once more 'Ole Man Stroller has slipped into his walking shoes to take a stroll around the campus to report all the happenings and mishappenings in the past week.

'Twas not an easy job, but he did manage to pick up a few choice bits of information.

Did nothing but peek into the physics lab and lo and behold — there sate 'Wee Willie Garrett working on a math problem. It seems he was having trouble with a triangle!

Noticed Marilyn Alexander, Betty Wilson and Mary Fink coming out of the auditorium looking mighty glum. Don't worry girls, I've flunked some of Dr. Strong's best tests.

Yes I knew it would happen sooner or later. Ron Hargin has lost his heart; it seems that the cause is in the 2 o'clock psychology class. The members of the F.B.I. (Future Bachelors Incorporated) mourn the loss of their president.

A new addition to the campus, Hans Leyer, a student from Holland, has been tutoring a few of the Quad men in German. One of the most adept pupils is Joe (The Irishman) Zelenz.

Sweet strains of mellow music issued from the Phi Sig dance at the Bearcat den last Friday eve. Ye 'Ole Stroller glanced in and noticed the chaperones Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Gartner taking top dancing honors. 'Twas a fine dance, but golly gumdrops, the stroller was lonely.

Happened to glance into Room 114 and noticed six beautiful (they can cheer also!) cheerleaders practicing. Woe is me! If only Monty Pitner, the cheerleading captain, and I could exchange jobs. (I use the word jobs loosely.)

Speaking of feminine pulehritude, that new look (the freshmen) has really added beauty to the campus. I'm no authority on the matter, but that is what experts Glen "Residence Hall"

Meredith, "Frankie Boy" Johnson and "the Whisper" Shields say.

Echoes from the Vet Village: When bakes a good, she baked it; however, the cake is not so good, then Eddie and baked it! 'Tis best to submit, Ed; you have a chance.

The Tri sigs' "Toad Skip" has a slightly familiar ring. Could it be relative of the Hop? Sounds like the work of one of Marples.

Looks like the "bug" bit Tommy Thorne. He pinned a girl (Nina) and bought a car for the trade-in (on his old car, that "Holy Cow"! 'Tis best I leave now, my bags and get out of town before this goes to press. See you next issue from Shanghai.



Published April 2, 1998

Stroller - Annoyed

Now that spring break is over, we are approaching that point in the school year when everyone is easily annoyed.

For awhile, it was amusing when your roommate clipped his/her toes in the living room. After a few weeks, you became disgusted, followed by being upset. Now, you are just sick of it and are thinking of ways you can get them strung from the Bell Tower.

You are now completely ticked off that Hardee's stopped selling curly fries. I mean what are you supposed to eat after the bars close? You are also wondering if this town is going to get a Burger King or do we need to riot? We don't want to resort to violence, but don't jerk us around when we are talking about Whoppers.

If you are from south of here (wherever it is we are) you suffer a severe bout of road rage every time you go home. One of the locals always wants to go 50 mph, right at the time all of us want to go home. Good news though, they've started moving houses back so they can widen U.S. 71, which should happen sometime before Northwest books a big-time musical entertainer we all want to see — i.e. never.

Your man is also annoyed by Colden Pond. We need to test it to see if it actually has any water in it, or as I suspect, just toxins. A guy was fishing out there the other day, I was hoping to see him catch a mutated perch with seven heads, but no such luck. Renovations are on everyone's nerves as well. That

was a good call to forego widening the side staircases and put in an atrium in Colden Hall. That means when the Union opens back up in 2004, they will not have made World of Cuisine any bigger, but we will have an art museum to showcase all of Northwest's world-renowned painters.

The thing that annoys Your Man the most is one single event year in and year out. I can't stand high school agriculture day when Northwest suddenly turns into the OK Corral.

The moment I see two letter jackets of the same kind I know it is that dreaded day.

They all hang out in the Union scoping one another out. This means there is nowhere to sit.

It makes most of us flashback to high school, especially how guys travel in packs and one of them is the leader. You can tell who he is, because he generally has the toothpick hanging out of his mouth.

I love watching them 'mac' on college women. They still follow women around while they are walking, but in college that's called stalking.

The ladies are just as bad. They still giggle and stare. They do not realize you must glance and then look away or make eye contact. Don't be surprised guys if you are sitting there and someone brings you a note that says the girls in the booth think you are cute.

I am sure they are just as confused by us. They probably wonder why all the guys wear hats supporting the South Carolina Gamecocks. Which, by the way, just shouts class to anyone who sees that hat.

Oh well, just six weeks and Your Man will be endlessly annoyed by his parents on summer break.

Published July 27, 1979

Stroller - Administration Fire

Your Stroller is not his usual jovial self this week. For as he watched the historic Administration Building burn, he saw more than physical damage to his perennial home. No, as your Stroller viewed the old building being consumed in flames, he also saw burning memories.

Your Campus Crusader recalled his first year on campus in 1918 when the Administration Building was the focal point of college life. He remembered all the classes being held in the building.

As the fourth floor collapsed, he remembered the good old days when he had helped carry pianos up the four flights of stairs to the music department. In that earlier time there was no elevator.

Watching the fire creep further down the landmark, your Stroller recalled not only memories of adventures in those rooms, but also many of his past acquaintances. Some never got to use the benefits of the education. As the vision of war memorials to fallen alumni being destroyed came to mind, your Stroller felt smoke and a few tears stringing eyes.

When the Little Theatre was engulfed in a ball of flames, your Stroller recalled the earlier life of the facility. He remembered spending many nights trying not to study in this little room which was then a library.

As flames licked around the broadcasting department, he recalled the department had started out as a club. It had grown into an organization which the University could really be proud of.

But then your Stroller recalled a similar disaster which struck the campus. Suddenly your Stroller felt a bit relieved that the damage was only material. Fortunately, no lives would be lost here.

Your Stroller remembered that on April 28, 1951, the campus was not so lucky. The women's residence hall was filled with sleeping students when a train car of propane exploded in a flash flood of fire behind their dorm. Your Stroller recalled that the hall was quickly evacuated but not before 30 people were injured. Sadly, your Stroller remembered the death of one girl.

More tears in his eyes now, your Stroller sighed. The Administration Building fire was a devastating experience for his beloved campus, but it could have been worse. Coupled with the relief that the east side of the building was saved, your Campus Crusader was a bit happier.

Northwest had survived the past setbacks, and he somehow felt he would bounce back again.

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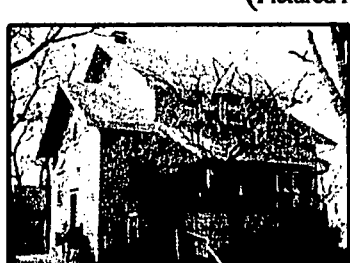
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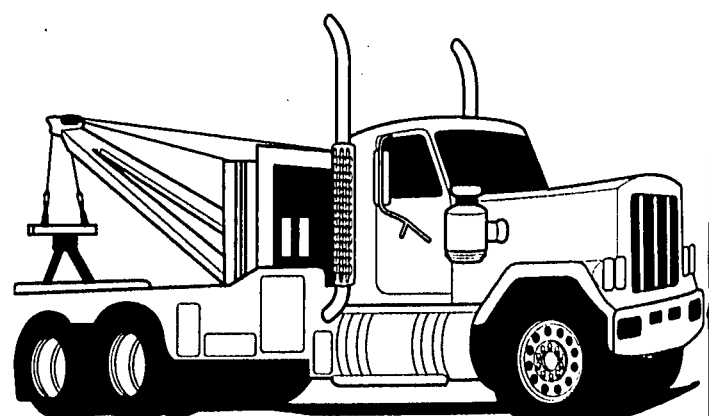
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